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News worth sharing.



Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith arrives to make a campaign speech in Edmonton Wednesday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Premier Alison Redford makes a campaign stop in Aldersyde Tuesday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Rooting for Alberta – from opposing sides

**Who loves ya?**  
Alison Redford and Danielle Smith scrap over provincial pride

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith went on the attack Wednesday, painting rival Alison Redford as an anti-Alberta, globe-trotting social engineer oblivious to life outside government.

"I think Ms. Redford doesn't like Alberta all that much," Smith told reporters at a news conference near the legislature

on the third day of the provincial election campaign.

"She doesn't like who we are. She doesn't like our character. She wants to change it.

"That is what people are going to have to ask in the next election: Do we need to be changed? Do we need Ms. Redford to change us? Do we have anything to be embarrassed about?"

"The answer is going to be a resounding no."

Smith's comments were met with a swift rebuke from Redford.

"How can I even have a discussion about that? That is

such a ridiculous comment to make. I just can't think of anywhere better to live," she told reporters in Fort McMurray.

"I love Alberta. I grew up here. When I found out that I was going to have my daughter, we moved back to Alberta."

Smith was responding to comments Redford made Tuesday to an audience in Calgary. Redford was asked about her Progressive Conservatives.

"We have the opportunity to make some really wise and long-term decisions that will change the character of our province," Redford told the crowd. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Butting in on lighting up on campus

U of A considers restricting where students can smoke

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Education

## School vies for \$20K outdoor classroom

Local students could be learning in the great outdoors if they win a \$20,000 customizable outdoor classroom in a Canada-wide competition.

Homesteader Elementary School was the only Alberta school out of 10 from Canada chosen by a panel for its outdoor classroom concepts for the Majesta Trees of Knowledge competition.

Canadians are encouraged to go online and vote for their favourite school. Voting ends May 11.

The Homesteader Elementary School concept plans to use an outdoor classroom for gardens, focusing on good health, well-being and using the school's "seven habits."

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Thefts

## Man charged in Good Samaritan cellphone heists

A man has been charged after a series of alleged cellphone robberies from Good Samaritans in north Edmonton earlier this month.

EPS investigated seven complaints from March 6 to 11 involving a man in distress asking for a cellphone before running away with it.

Calvin Geoffrey McKay, 28, has been charged with four counts of robbery, three counts of theft under \$5,000, one count assault with a weapon, and one count possession of a weapon dangerous to public peace.

He is in custody and will appear in court on April 11.

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Smokers on the University of Alberta campus may have to butt out unless in designated areas if a new policy is approved. METRO FILE

# U of A smokers could face new restrictions

**Smoke signals.** Students' Council considering proposed policy for designated smoking areas



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It remains to be seen whether the University of Alberta will restrict where smokers can light up.

The University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) has proposed a policy that would limit lighting up to certain areas of campus. After pass-

ing first reading earlier this month, students' council members were asked to reconsider the decision Tuesday night.

It was a lengthy debate, UASU president Rory Tighe said Wednesday, but in the end first reading passed again.

Tighe said he voted in favour both times due to results from a survey conducted last fall, with more than 7,000 student responses.

"It showed that 80 per cent wanted some type of change," said Tighe. "Either restricting it or eliminating it."

But some councillors had concerns the survey results were skewed, while others weren't impressed that

consultation occurred with anti-smoking group Smoke Free Campus Initiative, said Tighe.

On their Facebook page, the initiative outlines why they think a smoke-free U of A campus, instead of designated areas, is better.

But Tighe said the survey results represent a broad range of students.

Second reading is expected to take place April 3. If it passes, the next step is for the students' council executive committee to advocate for the rules to the board of governors.

As for where the designated areas would be, Tighe said that has yet to be determined.

Butting out

- NAIT has been a completely smoke-free campus since 2009, while Grant MacEwan University implemented designated areas in 2006.
- There is no smoking inside buildings on campus or within five metres of a doorway
- The city has a bylaw in the works to prohibit smoking in outdoor child-friendly areas, while the province has made it illegal to smoke in vehicles with children



## NEWS

Mobile news



Wondering how to dispose of your phone? Just ask it. Cities across the country are using smartphone apps to ease the process of tech recycling. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

## Lunch is for disco dancing

Some workers in Sweden have found an offbeat way to spend their lunch hour. Actually, on-beat is more like it. Disco lights, sweaty bodies and pulsating beats are all on the menu during the lunch-time dance parties that started in Stockholm and are spreading across Europe. Watch at [metronews.ca/video](http://metronews.ca/video)

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# Students rally round 'pledge to vote'

**Voter vow.** Students across the province plan to make their voices heard on April 23

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Students, get out and vote — that's the ultimate message the University of Alberta Students' Union (UASU) wants to send its population, and it's doing it with a personal "pledge to vote" sign-up campaign across campus from now to election day on April 23.

Students from the U of A, University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge are signing a pledge card to vote in the coming provincial election, agreeing to be contacted by phone, text or email as a reminder to visit the polls.

"We're not telling students how to vote, but we want to ensure they are aware of where, when, how and why to vote," Farid Iskandar, vice-president of external relations of the UASU, said at the launch Wednesday.

Iskandar said the aim of the non-partisan campaign is to encourage students not currently engaged in the process to learn

## University involvement

- Some 10,000 students from three Alberta universities have signed a pledge to vote at campus ballot boxes and online at [getoutthevote.ca](http://getoutthevote.ca).
- The UASU will hold candidate forums for Edmonton-Strathcona and Edmonton-Riverview in the coming weeks.
- A student voter flash mob is also planned at advance polls.

about candidates and platforms and cast a ballot. The UASU also wants to send a message to the Alberta government that students do care who gets elected.

"Decisions at the legislature impact students more than any other level of government," he added. "We want to double our sign-ups and show Albertans we're not apathetic."

Fourth-year political-science student Brent Kelly said he signed the pledge because he feels a duty to vote and that post-secondary education funding is the issue he's watching.

"It's imperative to get more students to vote so the government hears our voice," he said.



U of A students Kenny Shank, left, and Brent Kelly sign a pledge Wednesday to vote on election day. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

## Campaign roundup

### Tories pledge \$3B for oilsands

Premier Alison Redford vows to put up an extra \$3 billion over the next two decades to develop oilsands products and protect the environment.

Redford said Wednesday in Fort McMurray that a Progressive Conservative government would contribute \$150 million a year for 20 years to make the oilsands a world leader in research

on how to preserve water quality and reduce environmental degradation.

The project would be similar to one first launched by former premier Peter Lougheed in 1974, she said.

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### Liberals: More MDs in small towns

The Liberals say they have a plan to make sure the doctor

is always in — no matter where people live. Leader Raj Sherman said in Red Deer that a Liberal government would put up \$100 million to help train more doctors as GPs to work in small towns.

Sherman, an emergency-room doctor, said small towns are being forced to offer doctors huge financial incentives to come and work. Otherwise, some communities wouldn't have health care within 100 kilometres, which, he said, amounts to no health care at all. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### NDP: Power to the people

Leader Brian Mason says a New Democrat government would reregulate the electricity system to deliver stable, affordable prices to Albertans.

Mason said in Edmonton that a decade of deregulation has resulted in rollercoaster prices that are edging higher with no end in sight. He said he's received thousands of letters and power bills from Albertans demanding change.

He also promised to make power corporations pay for new transmission lines if his party is elected.

The province recently approved two new major north-south power lines that will cost taxpayers billions of dollars despite concerns the power is not needed.

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### Tweet early, tweet often

With the election in full

swing, people's Twitter feeds are going to be battered with tweets and hashtags coming from all corners of the province with comments about the election campaign.

That's a lot of information to digest and the people at Albertatweets.ca were kind enough to compile all of those tweets and post them on their website in a handy infographic.

Every week, Albertatweets.ca will post an infographic with the most popular hashtag topics, and what they mean, as well as who the most prolific tweeters are in this campaign. METRO

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## Assault

## Man charged in club shooting

A man has been charged after a shooting March 20. Two men were shot at a nightclub at 46 Avenue and Gateway Boulevard, said police. Ali Madadgar, 20, of Edmonton, faces several assault-related charges. **METRO**

## Wastewater

## City looking for input from public in sanitary utility rates survey

Edmontonians are being asked to gauge their concerns on the cost of sanitary utility rates. This fee covers costs of

building, operating and maintaining the system for collecting and transferring wastewater to the Gold Bar Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The proposed changes would reduce subsidization and a larger portion of the bill would be based on fixed costs.

The survey can be completed at [edmonton.ca](http://edmonton.ca) before April 9.

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## Resignation

## Alberta's chief medical officer leaving his post

Alberta's chief medical officer of health has resigned. Dr. Andre Corriveau said he is moving back to Yellowknife to take on his role as chief medical officer of health. **METRO**

## Outstanding fine

## Edmonton woman stopped at U.S. border for snow-bylaw ticket

When going on vacation, remember to pay off tickets before heading across the border.

An Edmonton woman

was stopped at Canadian customs while returning home from a vacation in the U.S. for an outstanding warrant for a snow-shovelling bylaw infraction.

She turned herself in to police.

In the last 30 days, EPS has executed 2,863 warrants and made 1,373 arrests under Operation Warrant Execution.

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# 'People need to wake up'

**Neighbourhood safety.** Criminal investigator, advocates weigh in on how a community can prevent child pornography



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Too often, Det. Joel Rumancik has been forced to make that awful call, informing unsuspecting parents that a stranger has preyed on their child online.

"(Predators) can make themselves anyone they want to be," said Rumancik, who has been with the southern Alberta Internet child-exploitation unit for a year.

"These individuals can pull photos anywhere from the Internet and lie about their age in hopes of gaining the trust of a child."

Rumancik said a case in point would be a file of his alleging serious crimes against former Calgary courthouse guard Daniel Mackie.

Charged with 77 child-pornography-related offences last month, Mackie is believed to have victimized 16 minors across Alberta, relying heavily on social media to establish contact and fulfil fantasies.

"Children are able to con-

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*Predators in our midst, Metro's five-part look at child pornography, on where it happens, why it happens and how we can stop it*

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nect online in so many ways now," Rumancik said.

"Be aware of other devices that connect to the Internet.... Most parents have no idea."

Glori Meldrum, founder of Alberta sexual abuse education and support group Little Warriors, said parents and kids also need to log off of their computers from time to time and get to know their neighbours.

"It may sound harsh, but basically people need to wake up," she said.

"Child abuse and pornography is a problem in every

## Online protection

## Tips to protect kids online

- **Family policy.** Place computers in a high-traffic area of the home or maintain an "open-door" policy when kids are online.
- **Privacy.** Be aware of all devices capable of connecting to the Internet and set child privacy measures on each.
- **Passwords.** Keep a list of all passwords for social-media accounts held by your kids and constantly check on who they are talking and interacting with.
- **Safe practices.** Discuss safe Internet practices with your kids, focusing specifically on what types of things they should be posting to social media and appropriate sites for them to visit.
- **Report.** Immediately report any attempts to lure your child to police.

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community. Yes, it's a busy world, but if we want to change this pattern of abuse we need to stand together as a community."



Glori Meldrum, with sexual abuse education and support group Little Warriors, seen in this recent photo, said it's important for a community to actively work together to root out child pornographers. CONTRIBUTED

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# Prime season for doggy doo-doo

**Sign of spring.** When the snow melts it's time for these cleanup specialists



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When it comes to scooping poop, spring is the time when professionals are knee-deep.

With Edmonton's winter snow melting away, those in the business of dog-waste management are busier than ever.

"This is the No. 1 time — it's insane usually," said Kylie Ely, owner of No Time For Poop. "I can get 20 or more (calls), depending on the day."

Ely, a stay-at-home mom who started her business five years ago because she wanted to do something involving animals, provides services mostly to residential homeowners, but also has contracts with some condo complexes and apartment buildings.

Most in the business have weekly clients who pay for the service year-round, but

## Spring clean

**"I would anticipate next week being prime time."**

Curtis Carter, owner, Canine Caddy

some simply want help with the spring cleanup — and those jobs are a heavier load.

"When you get a call, sometimes you hear, 'I don't care that it's been sitting there for six months, I can't wait six more minutes,'" said Curtis Carter, owner of Canine Caddy.

Both Ely and Carter said spring cleanup work began



Kylie Ely, owner of No Time For Poop, can spring clean up to 12 yards per day. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

earlier this year, due to the warm weather and lack of snow.

For weekly clients, one person can tend to about 30 yards a day, while the once-overs at this time of year take longer. Carter, who has been in the business for 18 years, has four full-time staff and hires temporary help in the spring.

It's a "madness" that lasts for about three weeks to a month, he said.

## Entrepreneurs

### Growing business

When Curtis Carter started Canine Caddy 18 years ago, he was one of the first in the area, receiving up to 100 calls per day.

Though he has 350 regular clients, it's not as hectic anymore — not

due to lack of demand but instead more competition.

Kylie Ely had six clients when she started No Time For Poop five years ago. Her business grew to 70 clients last summer.

She said customers likely use the services because of work and a lack of time.

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# Run will help wildlife

Run wild this weekend for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton at its annual fundraiser April 1 at Hawrelak Park.

The society takes injured or orphaned animals found in the wild and nurtures them back to health.

And they see a little bit of everything, said community

## Goal

# \$30k

The society has a goal of raising \$30,000 at the Run/Walk Wild for Wildlife this year.

outreach co-ordinator Stephanie May, citing birds that

are oiled or have feathers to re-grow, and animals hurt in car accidents or tangled in fishing lines and fences.

Each year, more than 1,200 wild animals from some 100 species are treated, said May.

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Two of Canada's younger federal politicians are grabbing attention and raising money for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation by trading their metaphorical political jabs for literal ones in a boxing ring this weekend. But with young people staying away from voting in droves, Metro decided to ask them and the NDP's youngest former leadership contender if they have any ideas about how to hold the public's attention and attract more youth to politics.

METRO IN OTTAWA

# Young politicians duke it out for youth engagement



Conservative Sen. Patrick Brazeau flexes his muscles outside Parliament in Ottawa. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

**Young Tory senator fights in ring, on Twitter.** There should be more young people in the Senate: Patrick Brazeau

Patrick Brazeau doesn't look like your archetypal senator — especially in his Twitter profile pic, showing off his generous, tattooed muscles.

Brazeau, 37, hails from Kitigan Zibi First Nation in Quebec, served in the Canadian Forces and was chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples before he was the youngest Canadian ever named to the Senate in 2008.

Sober second thought doesn't necessarily improve with age, he said.

"Many people who've had long careers and are appointed to the Senate, obviously they have many things to

contribute, but equally important is to have young voices in the Senate," he said.

He'll be fighting for the Conservatives when he boxes Justin Trudeau at an Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation fundraiser on Saturday — something his older colleagues in the Senate aren't as able to do.

He often takes ideological fights with "leftists" to Twitter, engaging in flame wars with citizens, politicians and journalists.

"I'm certainly not a rebel, but I'm certainly not afraid of answering back in a factual manner as much as I can," he said.

Brazeau said he also uses social media to encourage young people — especially aboriginal youth — to get involved in politics.

"It's doubly hard to engage aboriginal youth," he said. "Aboriginal youth

## Credibility

"I would hope that any youth would listen to any politician who would have a good and positive message, but I think that the fact that I am a little bit younger than most of my colleagues, it lends a little bit of credibility."

Patrick Brazeau  
On engaging youth

feel as though they are selling out to mainstream Canada and they may feel assimilated.

"I think it's the exact opposite effect. The more people who become engaged, it can only mean a better life for them."

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**Young Liberal MP fights to be more than a younger version of his dad.** Developing own expertise, own sense of identity is important whatever field you go into: Justin Trudeau

Justin Trudeau certainly isn't the youngest MP kicking around the House of Commons these days. But no matter what his age, he will always be perceived as a younger version of his dad.

Except that's the comparison Trudeau is trying to distance himself from, looking to make his own mark in his third year as Liberal MP for Papineau.

"I bring my own aspects to politics on my own merits and I think that's very, very important for any young person going into any field — that they be able to develop their own expertise, their own sense of identity," said Trudeau, 40.

So what makes him stand out from his slightly older peers on Parliament Hill?

For one, he said voting isn't "cool" and doesn't want to make it appear cool either.

"You don't make voting cool, that's where everyone has failed," he said. "What you have to do is make voting important to young people. Make them understand that their voices matter."

Trudeau — who has more than 120,000 Twitter followers — said he can

## Mobilization

**"If youth voted to 80 per cent turnout the way seniors vote to 80 per cent turnout, we'd never have another conversation about tuition fees in Parliament ever."**

Justin Trudeau  
On the youth vote

do that by engaging youth through social media.

A Twitter campaign is just the start, though. He said he wants to mobilize youth in the streets to get them more interested in politics.

JOE LOFARO/METRO



Justin Trudeau outside Parliament in Ottawa. SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

**Young NDP MP made a bid for party leadership.** Being at the forefront encourages others to get involved: Niki Ashton

Niki Ashton isn't part of any literal boxing matches, but she stepped up as a contender in her party's biggest title bout — the race to replace Jack Layton.

Ashton sometimes — but not always — got more attention for her youth than her ideas in her NDP leadership bid.

"Some people looked at my age and thought it was a plus, and some people looked beyond my age," said the 29-year-old MP for Churchill, adding she's happy

to be a standard-bearer for young Canadians.

"We've been told that we're the generation that may live less well-off than our parents, and I find that statement unacceptable," Ashton said. "I mean, we've got tremendous wealth, tremendous opportunity in our country and there's no reason we should be less well-off."

Ashton acknowledged young people are less likely to vote, but they're easier to reach through social media and issue-based campaigns. Seeing more people their age in politics, she said, also helps.

"More young people get involved when they see young people at the forefront and speaking out on the issues that matter," she said. "Our party, I'm proud to

## Visibility

**"Jack Layton inspired many people, many young people particularly, to come out and be part of the process, and that's something that I very much want to continue."**

Niki Ashton  
On engaging youth

say, is one where if you turn on the TV and watch Parliament, we actually look like Canada. The same cannot be said for other parties that have very little representation from young people or women or the diversity of Canada." STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO



Niki Ashton. CONTRIBUTED



Be sure to go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of the Trudeau-Brazeau boxing match happening at the Hampton Inn in Ottawa at 8:30 p.m. Metro columnist Steve Collins will also be live tweeting the fight @metrottawa.



# Meet some of Canada's youngest MPs



SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

#1



Pierre-Luc Dusseault

NDP—Sherbrooke

Age 20

#2



Charmaine Borg

NDP—Terrebonne-Blainville

Age 21

#3



Mylène Freeman

NDP—Argenteuil-Papineau-Mirabel

Age 22

#4



Michelle Rempel

Con.—Calgary Centre-North

Age 31

#5



Pierre Poilievre

Con.—Nepean-Carleton

Age 32

#6



Andrew Scheer

Con.—Regina-Qu'Appelle

Age 32

#7



Scott Andrews

Lib.—Avalon

Age 37

#8



Jean-François Fortin

BQ.—Haute-Gaspésie-La Mitis-Matane-Matapédia

Age 38

#9



Justin Trudeau

Lib.—Papineau

Age 40

#10



Scott Simms

Lib.—Bonaville-Gander-Grand Falls-Windsor

Age 42

## Everything old was once young too —including Parliament's Rat Pack

Old politicians were young once, too, and it's perhaps no surprise that many older prominent politicians in office (and some out of office) were once also hailed as the new young bucks of their day.

Following the Liberal party's defeat in the 1984 election to Brian Mulroney, a group of young and then relatively unknown Liberals gained prominence and was dubbed the Rat Pack. The group included Don Boudria, Sheila Copps, Brian Tobin and John Nunziata.



The Liberal party's Rat Pack, from left, Brian Tobin, Don Boudria, Sheila Copps and John Nunziata, joke with then-Opposition leader John Turner, centre, after giving him a Rat Pack T-shirt in his Parliament Hill office in 1985.

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In the late 1990s a group of Reform-party politicians, Jason Kenney, Rahim Jaffer and Rob Anders, followed in the Rat Pack's footsteps and were dubbed the Snack Pack because of their youth and penchant for eating junk food while talking policy. **METRO**

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### Questions

## Take our MP quiz

### Test your MP smarts:

- With 17 MPs under the age of 30 and an average age of 47.12, the NDP is collectively the youngest party in the House of Commons. Which is the oldest?
- Pierre-Luc Dusseault (NDP-Sherbrooke) is not only the young-

est MP in parliament, but the youngest ever elected in Canada. Who represented his riding on the day he was born?

- Who is the youngest MP on the Conservative benches?
- Who's the youngest Liberal?
- Who is the oldest MP in the House of Commons?
- The average age of the House dropped even further in February when this 37-year-old

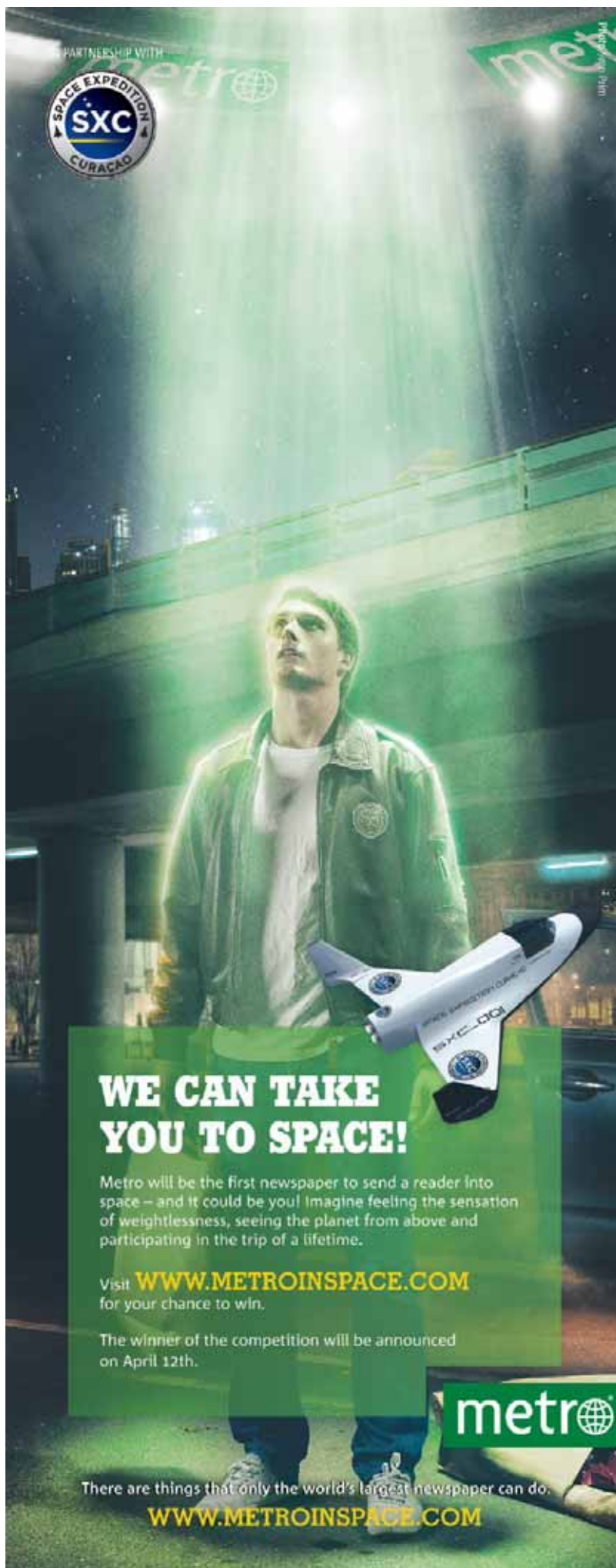
MP brought her infant son, Skander-Jack, into the Chamber. Who was she?

- Speaker of the House Andrew Scheer is the youngest ever elected to the office. What is his official job description?
- Who is the youngest party leader in the House of Commons?
- Who is the youngest person ever appointed to the Senate?
- Youngest minister in the Harper cabinet?

- Unless you count the one-member Green party (Leader Elizabeth May is 57), the Liberals are the oldest party, with an average age of 54.56 years. The Conservative caucus averages 51.91 years.
- On May 31, 1991, Quebec Premier Jean Charest.
- Charlotte Rempel (Calgary Centre-North) is the youngest Conservative MP at 31.
- Scott Andrews (Avalon, Newfoundland and Labrador) is 37.
- Conservative Ray Boughen (Palliser) is the House of Commons' most senior member at age 74.
- Sana Hasani (NDP-Vercheres-Les Patriotes). She named Skander-Jack in honour of NDP leader Jack Layton.
- "Chair Occupant"
- Prime Minister Stephen Harper, 52.
- Heritage Minister James Moore, 35.
- Liberal-Conservative William Miller was 32 when he went to the Red Chamber in 1867. He stayed until his death in 1912 at the age of 77.

MP quiz answers





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Workers conduct radiation-dose measurement in the Unit 2 reactor's primary containment vessel at the tsunami-crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, northeastern Japan. Unit 2 still had fatally high radiation levels and much less water to cool it than officials had estimated. TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fukushima tests high for radiation levels

**Plant examination.** State of two other reactors, which could be in far worse condition, unknown

One of Japan's crippled nuclear reactors still has fatally high radiation levels and hardly any water to cool its fuel, according to an internal examination that reinforces doubts about the plant's stability.

A tool equipped with a tiny video camera, a thermometer, a dosimeter and a water gauge was used to assess damage inside the No. 2 reactor's con-

tainment chamber Tuesday for the second time since the tsunami swept into the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant a year ago.

The data collected showed the damage from the disaster is so severe, the plant operator will have to develop special equipment and technology to tolerate the harsh environment and decommission the plant, a process expected to last decades. The other two reactors that had meltdowns could be in even worse shape. The No. 2 reactor is the only one plant workers have been able to closely examine so far.

Tuesday's examination with an industrial endoscope detected radiation levels up to 10 times the fatal dose in-

side the chamber. Plant officials previously said more than half of the melted fuel has breached the core and dropped to the floor of the primary containment vessel.

Particles from melted fuel have probably sent radiation levels up to a dangerously high 70 sieverts per hour inside the container, said Junichi Matsumoto, spokesman for Tokyo Electric Power Co. The figure far exceeds the highest level previously detected, 10 sieverts per hour, which was detected last year.

"It's extremely high," he said, adding that an endoscope would last only 14 hours in those conditions.

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## Panel. Warning of severe weather

Global warming is leading to such severe storms, droughts and heat waves that countries should prepare for an unprecedented onslaught of deadly and costly weather disasters, an international panel of climate scientists says in a report issued Wednesday.

The greatest danger from extreme weather is in highly populated, poor regions of the world, the report warns, but no corner of the globe is immune. The document by a Nobel Prize-winning panel of scientists forecasts stronger tropical cyclones and more heat waves, deluges and droughts.

The report blames the scale of recent and future disasters on a combination of man-made



Neighbours look over the wreckage of a mobile home that was struck by a tornado March 23 near Opdyke in Jefferson County, Ill.

ALAN ROGERS/THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

climate change, population shifts and poverty.

In the past, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change focused on the rise of

temperatures and oceans. This report is the first to look at the less common but far more noticeable extreme-weather changes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Galaxy resembles 'emerald-cut' diamond

**Spotted.** Shiny new galaxy dubbed Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds

It is the 74,886th galaxy in the Lyon Extragalactic Database (LEDa) of 1.5-million galaxies, but some people are calling the new rectangular cosmic jewel Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.

"We did unofficially refer to it as the 'emerald-cut' gal-

axy" because of its striking resemblance to an emerald-cut diamond, Australian astronomer Dr. Alistair Graham told the Toronto Star. That triggered the even more unofficial name from the old Beatles song.

And it fits, said Graham. When he and his colleagues first spotted LEDa 074886 some 70-million light years away, their reaction was "Wow, will you look at that."

## Emerald

Its importance isn't just in its shape, Graham said.

- "In recent years there has been an increased awareness of blue elliptical-shaped galaxies," he said. "Perhaps up to four per cent of galaxies fall into this category."

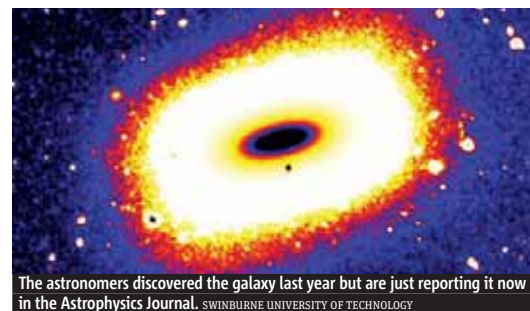
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ered the galaxy last year but are just reporting it now in the Astrophysics Journal.

The dazzling dwarf galaxy with its spinning deep blue core, blinding white "emerald-cut" surface and sparkling red rim is an astronomic anomaly.

"Symmetrical rectangular galaxies are very unusual. We were very surprised to find it," said Graham.

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## Do you take milk with your dog?

Beyonce, a Dachshund puppy vying for the title of world's smallest dog, is fed in a coffee cup during an interview on Wednesday in New York. Animal rescuers in Northern California say Beyonce was so small at birth that she could fit into a spoon. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## B.C.

## Grab a java to get you going? Think again, study says

Research conducted by University of British Columbia psychologists is shedding new light on how amphetamines and caffeine affect the motivation of workers and slackers.

A study published in the journal Neuropsychopharmacology, has found that amphetamines, specifically speed, cause workers to slack off and slackers to work harder.

Caffeine, on the other hand, causes workers to slack off but doesn't seem to have any effect on slackers.

The findings have implications for people like

long-distance truck drivers who use stimulants to remain vigilant for hours on end, said Jay Hosking, a PhD candidate and one of four people who worked on the project.

"What's working for some people may not be working for others," said Hosking.

The research took place at the university over nine months, starting in 2009, and involved 40 male rats.

Hosking said members of the team wanted to learn how people make decisions and why some people make different decisions than others.

"Every day at work and anywhere we're confronted with this thing where we can either work towards something or be satisfied with the status quo," he said.

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## Canada-U.S. Omar Khadr poised to be transferred north of border in May

A "frustrated" Omar Khadr could be back in Canada by the end of May, with both Ottawa and Washington poised to approve his transfer from Guantanamo Bay, where the convicted war criminal has been held for almost a decade, The Canadian Press has learned.

A source familiar with the file said U.S. Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta was expected to sign off on the transfer within a week.

"It's on his desk, it's ready," the source said Wednesday. "The U.S. has no concerns about (Khadr)."

Khadr has been caught up in a bureaucratic "Catch-22" since becoming eligible to leave the American prison on Cuba last October under terms of a plea agreement struck a year earlier.

The Toronto-born Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty before a much-maligned U.S. military commission to five war crimes he committed as a 15-year-old in Afghanistan in July 2002.

In exchange, the Canadian citizen was given an eight-year sentence, with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay and the remainder in Canada.



Courtroom sketch of Omar Khadr.  
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government has been in no hurry to approve the transfer request, which Khadr's lawyers submitted to both governments a year ago.

Instead, the source said, Ottawa has been scrutinizing the application far more closely than required, looking at issues such as his parole eligibility, which would essentially be almost immediate.

"I think they have stalled the proceedings — the U.S. would have sent him home a lot earlier if things had been worked out in Canada," the source said.

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# Health officers slam drug policy

**Criticism.** Top experts denounce federal strategy, call for an evidence-based approach

A number of leading figures in Canadian public health are criticizing the federal government's approach to drug policy, suggesting political ideology is trumping scientific evidence.

The chief medical officers of health for British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia published a commentary in the journal *Open Medicine* that calls on the government to rethink strategies like minimum mandatory sentences for minor drug-related offences.

"Basically what we're saying is that we don't think that the model we're using is particularly effective," said Dr. Perry Kendall, British Columbia's chief medical officer of health.

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Canada's chief public health officer Dr. David Butler-Jones, left, speaks to B.C. provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall in 2009. Kendall calls for a new approach to federal drug policy. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Million-dollar baby

Australia's foreign affairs minister is looking into the case of a Sydney couple stuck with a million-dollar hospital bill after their daughter was born in Vancouver last August.

John Kan and Rachel Evans had taken out travel insurance and extra coverage for Evans' pregnancy without realizing the policy would not cover the birth or the baby.

They were about to return to Australia after their B.C. vacation when Evans went into premature labour at the airport.

Piper Kan stayed in the neo-natal ward of the B.C. Women's Hospital and Health Centre for three months and the bill ended up being about \$1 million.

Evans said she is grateful for any help the government might be able to provide.

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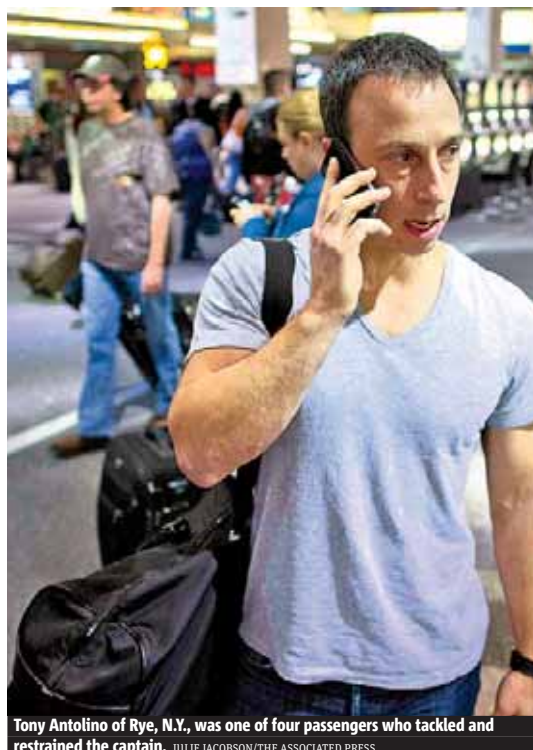
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Tony Antolino of Rye, N.Y., was one of four passengers who tackled and restrained the captain. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Pilot charged in midair incident

**JetBlue airline.**  
Captain's bizarre behaviour forces passengers to act

A JetBlue Airways captain who sprinted through the cabin of a Las Vegas-bound flight screaming about terrorists, Jesus and Sept. 11 was charged Wednesday with interfering with a flight crew, federal authorities said.

Capt. Clayton Osbon told his co-pilot that "things just don't matter" shortly after JetBlue Flight 191 from New York departed Tuesday, according to an affidavit. Osbon, who was ultimately tackled by passengers while the plane made an emergency landing in Texas, told his co-pilot that "we're not going to Vegas" and began what was described as a sermon, the court documents said.

"The (first officer) became really worried when Osbon said, 'We need to take a leap of faith,'" according to the sworn affidavit given by an FBI agent. "Osbon started trying to correlate completely unrelated numbers like different radio frequencies, and he talked about sins in Las Vegas."

Osbon left the cockpit soon after and tensions on the plane began to escalate, according to witness accounts compiled by investigators. Osbon, described by neighbours in Georgia as tall and muscular, "aggressively" grabbed the hands of a flight attend-

ant who confronted him and later sprinted down the cabin while being chased.

"Nobody knew what to do because he is the captain of the plane," said passenger Don Davis. "You're not just going to jump up and attack the captain."

But four men did just that, using seatbelt extenders and zip-tie handcuffs to restrain and pin Osbon to the floor for more than 20 minutes while the co-pilot and an off-duty pilot who was aboard landed the plane in Amarillo, Texas.

### Breakdown

**"Clearly, he had an emotional or mental type of breakdown."**

**Tony Antolino**  
A security executive who tackled the pilot

The charges against Osbon, 49, were filed in Texas. He was being held Wednesday at Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo and remains under a medical evaluation.

Under federal law, a conviction for interference with a flight crew or attendants can bring up to 20 years in prison. The offence is defined as assaulting or intimidating the crew, interfering with its duties or diminishing its ability to operate the plane.

JetBlue spokeswoman Alison Steinberg said earlier Wednesday that Osbon had been suspended pending a review of the flight.

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### Losing it in the air

## A quick look at infamous fliers

JetBlue is reviewing its mental-health checks for pilots after Capt. Clayton Osbon went berserk at New York's JFK airport on Tuesday. Planes can have a funny effect on people, so we looked at some of the other worst-ever fliers.

### Gerard Depardieu

The renowned French actor caused trouble on a Paris-Dublin flight last summer. As the plane was about to takeoff, Depardieu was denied entry to the toilets and so used a water bottle instead. Depardieu was escorted off the flight but explained the incident by saying, "I am an elephant."

### RIM executives

George Campbell and Paul Alexander Wilson were

high-ranking officials with the BlackBerry maker, but had to be tied up after drunken swearing and violence on a December flight. The executives then attempted to chew through the restraints.

### Naomi Campbell

The supermodel subjected airport staff to a barrage of abuse after finding her bags had not been loaded at Heathrow in 2008. Police were called but Campbell

kicked and spat at them, accusing them of prejudice because she was "black and famous." She received 200 hours of community service.

### Alec Baldwin

Another actor with flight issues. The 30 Rock star was kicked off an American Airlines flight last year after refusing to stop playing Words With Friends on his cellphone.

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# Crash leaves two in critical condition

**Accident.** Brinks tractor-trailer collides with rock face in northern Ontario, spilling millions of loonies and toonies

Millions of dollars in coins and a shipment of candy were scattered across an Ontario highway Wednesday following the crash of a Brinks tractor-trailer that seriously injured two people.

Both of the men who were in the Brinks truck were taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries, police said.

The crash happened around 4 a.m. on Highway 11, north of Kirkland Lake in northeastern Ontario, when the truck crossed the centre line and collided with a rock face, said Ontario Provincial Police Const. Marc Depatie.

The crash also caused a number of chain-reaction collisions, but the injuries were minor, he



Police investigate the scene after a crash in northern Ontario on Wednesday. Millions of dollars in coins and a shipment of candy were scattered across the highway following the crash of a Brinks tractor-trailer that seriously injured two people. CONTRIBUTED/ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

said. One of the trucks involved in the resulting crashes was carrying candy, he said.

That candy, along with \$3 to \$5 million worth of loonies and toonies were strewn

on the road and in the surrounding bush. The highway was closed by police, who essentially stood guard until the money could be removed.

"A private contractor will

be using magnets and other mechanisms to recover the dispersed load," but clearing up the wreckage remains the top priority, Depatie said.

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## Labour disputes. Canada Post worker accuses Raitt of using bullying tactics

The recent tensions between Air Canada workers and Lisa Raitt reminded Jim Gallant of the time he gave the federal labour minister a piece of his mind in public.

The veteran Canada Post worker said he got a pair of RCMP officers knocking on his office door — a response he equated to the sudden suspensions that triggered last week's early morning wildcat strike at Canada's largest airline. Three Air Canada workers were suspended recently for heckling Raitt at Toronto's Pearson airport. Those suspensions triggered a wildcat strike by fellow workers angered by the Conservative government bringing

in back-to-work legislation and sending their contract dispute with the airline to arbitration.

Gallant, a regional grievance officer with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers with 23 years at Canada Post, was in Toronto attending a hockey game at the Air Canada Centre last October when he said he accused Raitt to her face of lying to the Senate and the House of Commons when explaining why postal employees had to be ordered back to work.

Officials routinely report unusual incidents that take place on off-hours, said security consultant Chris Mathers, a former RCMP officer himself.

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Minister of Labour Lisa Raitt on March 12. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Sneakers presented as evidence in Rafferty trial

The shoes that Terri-Lynne McClintic says she wore when Victoria Stafford was killed were the focus Wednesday at the first-degree murder trial of McClintic's former boyfriend.

McClintic testified earlier at Michael Rafferty's trial that after Tori was killed north of Guelph, Ont., he instructed her

to throw her shoes out the car window on a sideroad.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

A woman who lives in the area testified today that in about early April 2009 — the month Tori was killed — she

was taking a walk on Side-road 6 near her home north of Guelph and found a pair of white basketball shoes with blue trim and a single shoe.

Lillian Metcalfe says she threw the single shoe out and took the pair of shoes home and washed them, intending to donate them to Goodwill.

On May 30 she gave them to police while they were canvassing the area and McClintic later identified them as hers. The jury saw the blue and white Shaq basketball shoes as they were entered as an exhibit at the trial Wednesday.

Metcalfe also said there was a car's back seat in the

same area of the side road for a while. She mentioned it to police since she had heard they were searching for Rafferty's back seat, but by May 30 it was no longer there. She then told the officer about the shoes and he asked her to describe them, Metcalfe said.

"I said, 'Well, I think I can do

one better than that,'" Metcalfe testified Wednesday. "I have the shoes in the house. Would you like to see them?"

Tori's remains were found partially clothed in a field near Mount Forest, further north of Guelph, more than 100 days after she went missing April 8, 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Snack-food chain Greggs, at the centre of Britain's food-tax issue.  
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# Pie tax a hot issue for minister

**Cornish pasty.** U.K. government called out of touch for tax on popular lunch item

The British government's intention to tax the humble Cornish pasty, a cheap pastry and savoury snack much beloved by workers and students, has opened a new front in the country's never-

ending class war.

In his U.K. budget last week, Finance Minister George Osborne announced he would close a loophole that allowed some fresh-baked takeout items — including pies, sausage rolls and pasties — to escape a 20 per cent sales tax.

The move, however, has caused a media storm, with tabloid headlines portraying the new tax as an attack by the Conservative-led govern-

ment on working-class life.

This Tuesday, Osborne faced questions from a parliamentary committee on aspects of his budget — which included such macroeconomic measures as a cut in the top rate of income tax, a lowering in the personal tax allowance for retired people and reduction in corporation tax. But it was the levy on the lowly pasty — a mixture of meat and vegetables encased in pastry — that generated all

## Statement

**"I am a pasty eater myself."**

Prime Minister David Cameron  
Responding to reporters on the issue

the headlines.

"I can't remember the last time I bought a pasty in Greggs," Osborne told a parliamentary committee on Tuesday, referring to a low-

price snack-shop chain.

"That kind of sums it up," responded Labour Party lawmaker John Mann, a former union official.

At a press conference Wednesday to discuss London's readiness for the Olympics this summer, Prime Minister David Cameron was compelled to pledge allegiance to the pasty.

"I am a pasty eater myself," he declared to reporters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Jubilee. Queen gets Tussauds makeover

The Queen is getting a makeover for her Diamond Jubilee — at Madame Tussauds.

The museum says it will unveil a new wax figure of the monarch in May.

The new work is the 23rd waxwork of Elizabeth since she first appeared at the London attraction in 1928 as a two-year-old.

It is modelled after her official jubilee portrait photograph.

Madame Tussauds said Wednesday that while the Queen did not sit for this latest wax figure, the monarch is very involved and has sent over measurements and approvals for different aspects of the sculpture.

The new figure will replace the current sculpture created in 2001.

It will be placed alongside her husband, Prince Philip. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A sculptor puts finishing touches on the new wax figure of Queen Elizabeth. **MADAME TUSSAUDS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Stockholm

### Swedes show off lunchtime moves

Some workers in Sweden have found a rather offbeat way to spend their lunch hour. Actually, on-beat is more like it.

Dripping with sweat and awash in disco lights, they dance away to pulsating club music at Lunch Beat, a trend that started in Stockholm and is spreading to other cities in Europe.

Then they go back to work.

The party starts at noon and goes on for one hour. There's no alcohol, which gives it a different ambience than nighttime clubbing, said Daniel Odelstad, the 31-year-old organizer of Lunch Beat Stockholm.

"People are sober, it's in the middle of the day, and it is very short, effective and intensive," he said. "You just have to get in there and dance because the hour ends pretty quickly."

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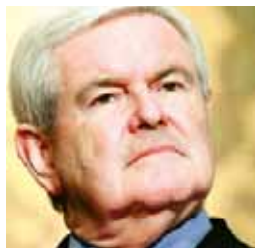
## Presidential race. Gingrich refuses to bow out of Republican primary

Newt Gingrich's White House aspirations have been on life support for weeks, but the struggling Republican haughtily defended his decision to remain in his party's presidential race on Wednesday despite dismal primary results, a serious debt problem and a dramatic cut in staff.

The former speaker of the House of Representatives expressed dismay about suggestions that he should drop out of the race to enable Mitt Romney to seal the nomination well before the party convention in August.

"For some reason everybody in this establishment is chanting that (Rick) Santorum and I should quit," he said in a radio interview in the U.S. capital, although Santorum has not, in fact, been facing the same barrage of calls to drop out that Gingrich has.

"Well, you know, Romney has to earn this. It's not going to be given to him and we have every right to run. I have 176,000 folks who go on to Newt.org and donated, and I think that's a very important factor. So I owe the folks who have been supporting me."



Republican presidential candidate  
Newt Gingrich. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He added no one would expect a losing sports team to stop playing mid-season.

Gingrich's stand comes after a series of devastating defeats in the race. Despite serving the state of Georgia for two decades as congressman, that was one of only two states he's been able to win. South Carolina was another.

A new CNN/ORC poll shows him running dead last nationally, behind even libertarian Ron Paul, with 60 per cent of Republicans saying he should exit the race. He's got only five per cent of support among Wisconsin voters, who cast ballots in their state primary next week.

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## Pope's visit. Benedict gets political at Cuban Mass before thousands

Pope Benedict XVI demanded more freedom for the Catholic Church in communist-run Cuba and preached against "fanaticism" in an unusually political sermon before hundreds of thousands at Revolution Plaza, with President Raul Castro in the front row.

Benedict also clearly urged an end to Cuba's isolation, a reference to the 50-year U.S. economic embargo and the inability of 11 American presidents and brothers Fidel and Raul Castro to forge peace.

"Cuba and the world need change, but this will occur only if each one is in a position to

seek the truth and chooses the way of love, sowing reconciliation and fraternity," Benedict said.

Many in the crowd had trouble hearing him over the loudspeakers, and others said it was hard to understand the dense biblical message delivered by the Pope in a soft voice.

"I don't understand this Mass at all. I don't have an education in these things and I know nothing about religion," said Mario Mendez, a 19-year-old communications student. "On top of that, I can't hear anything."

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Security walk alongside Pope Benedict XVI in his popemobile as he makes his way to Revolution Plaza to celebrate Mass in Havana Wednesday.

ISMAEL FRANCISCO/CUBADEBATE

### Lottery

## U.S. jackpot hits new high

It's almost unimaginable. No one picked the six correct numbers in the latest multi-state Mega Millions lottery game in the U.S., sending the jackpot to a record \$476 million US for the Friday drawing.

Tuesday night's jackpot was \$363 million, fed by weeks of drawings without a top winner.

The previous record jackpot in the Mega Millions game was \$390 million in 2007, split by two winners in New Jersey and Georgia.

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### Strauss-Kahn

## Decision looms on civil rape case

While Dominique Strauss-Kahn faces fresh charges in his native France amid a prostitution investigation, a judge in New York is due to decide whether to allow a civil case accusing him of sexually assaulting a hotel maid to go forward.

The 62-year-old former chief of the International Monetary Fund was charged last year with attempted rape and other crimes after the May 14 encounter with hotel maid Nafissatou Diallo, but the criminal case was dropped after prosecutors lost faith in her credibility.

Still, she vowed to have her day in court and sued Strauss-Kahn. She maintains he attacked her when she came to clean his luxury suite at the Sofitel Hotel.

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### London 2012

## Britain bulks up Olympic security

Britain has planned for a dizzying array of security nightmares surrounding the Olympics, including a co-ordinated attack like the London transit bombings, a dirty bomb or a cyberattack.

In the wake of France's deadly shootings, one scenario weighing heavily on the minds of security officials is a terrorist operating with little or no help from others.

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# Homeowners sweating over rates: Study

**BMO survey.** 57 per cent of respondents believe they could still afford their homes if interest rates were to spike by two per cent

Four in 10 Canadians would be unsure about whether they could afford their homes if their mortgage rate went up by as little as two percentage points, according to a new study from the Bank of Montreal.

The survey, compiled for BMO by Leger Marketing, found 43 per cent believe an increase from three per cent to five per cent would either hamper their ability to pay or leave them on unsure footing.

The survey was conducted Feb. 21 to 23, two weeks before BMO sparked a round of special rate reductions among Canadian banks.

The survey's results were announced a day before the five-year special rate ended on Wednesday.

BMO's special dropped the five-year rate by half a percentage point to 2.99 per cent from 3.49 per cent and other banks followed.

Since then, Royal, TD and National banks have announced their five-year posted rates will go up on Thursday to 5.44 per cent — an increase of nearly 2.5 percentage points from the sale price.

"At first when you look at this, you think, 'Oh, my goodness, that's pretty scary,'" said Laura Parsons, a mortgage expert at BMO.

"But if we get clients in to take a good hard look at how they're spending their money, I think they'd find that extra two per cent in their budget — it would just mean they'd have to cut back on certain things."

One in five Canadians surveyed said a two-percentage-point rise would hurt their ability to make mortgage payments, while 23 per cent said they were unsure whether a rise would affect them.

The study, which surveyed some 1,500 Canadians in February, has a 2.5 per cent margin of error 19 times out of 20.

The survey findings come as some of Canada's biggest banks begin raising variable mortgage rates, even though the Bank of Canada's overnight interest rate remains unchanged.

That could signal the end

of the era of cheap borrowing that has encouraged many Canadians to take on houses they may not have been able to otherwise afford.

BMO anticipates that the Bank of Canada will begin increasing its overnight interest rate from the current level of one per cent next year.

An increase of two percentage points would be a problem for those who have not only used the period of ultra-low rates to take on mortgage debt, but also home equity lines of credit and other forms of debt, Parsons said.

But, she added, the fear is not that most mortgage holders could find themselves underwater like in the U.S., but rather that they are not budgeting for the inevitability of interest-rate hikes.

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## Household debt

The era of cheap borrowing has encouraged many Canadians to take on houses they may not have been able to otherwise afford.

- Both Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney have recently flagged the danger to the economy of Canadians becoming increasingly indebted, mostly through taking advantage of low rates to buy homes or take out home-equity loans.

- In a report issued last week, Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets, and colleague

Benjamin Reitzes argued that with the U.S. recovery gathering steam, central bankers on both sides of the border are becoming more comfortable with the economy and less so with historically depressed interest rates.

- Some industry watchers say now is the time to consider switching to lock in longer-term rates with shortened amortization periods.

- Already, financial markets have priced in a near 50 per cent chance that Carney will start hiking his one per cent policy setting before the year's end.

## Retail. Reitmans reports quarterly profits, sales down

Clothing retailer Reitmans reported a steep drop in profits and sales during its most recent quarter as shoppers cut back spending and the company saw margins squeezed.

The Montreal-based company said net earnings for the three months ended Jan. 28 were \$4.7 million, or seven cents per share, compared to the \$13.8 million, or 21 cents per share, it earned during same period a year earlier.

Sales in what was the last quarter of the company's 2012 financial year were just under \$260 million, compared with \$268.7 million a year ago, as same-store sales fell 1.7 per cent.

The company's gross margin for the quarter was 64.4 per cent, down from 66.9 per cent a year ago, as a stronger Canadian dollar was offset

by increased promotional activity.

"Sales continued to be challenging for fiscal 2012 as consumer spending on apparel was impacted by reduced discretionary consumer income," Reitmans said in a release.

For the full year, net earnings decreased nearly 47 per cent to \$47.5 million, or 72 cents per share, compared with nearly \$89 million, or \$1.32 per share a year earlier.

Annual sales fell 3.7 per cent to \$1.02 billion. Same-store sales dropped 4.3 per cent.

As of Jan. 28, the company had 942 stores in operation. A year earlier it had 968 stores.

Reitmans shares fell 20 cents to \$15.89 on the Toronto Stock Exchange Wednesday.

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## Labour

### Union fights Target Canada hiring policy

The union representing Zellers workers in Saskatoon is campaigning against the hiring policy of an American company taking over the Canadian retail chain.

Target announced last year that it will convert more than 100 Zellers stores as part of the takeover.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union says Target has told Zellers employees that they are welcome to reapply for the same job.

Spokesman Derek Johnstone says that isn't fair to employees who have been in the same store, doing the same job for many years.

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## Expansion

### Canadian Helicopters seeks global deals

Canadian Helicopters Group hopes to use its acquisition of Helicopters (N.Z.) Ltd. last year as a model for future deals as it looks to grow its business around the world, chief executive Don Wall said Wednesday.

Wall told a conference call with financial analysts that the company was looking at a number of opportunities, but cautioned the helicopter charter company didn't have anything to announce yet.

The deal for the HNZ gave the Montreal-based company bases of operations in New Zealand and Southeast Asia from which to build its business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Weather may sap maple-syrup producers' profits

Some of Canada's maple syrup producers say they're expecting a financial hit as recent warm weather cut the season short this year, but the price that consumers pay for the sweet condiment should remain stable.

"We don't want consumers to think it's absolutely not out there anymore, but there's less," said Ray Bonenberg, president of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

It shouldn't affect the price, Bonenberg said, adding there was a small increase in the price of maple syrup last year and the price is set every couple of years.

"A lot of the product is already sold and you charge the price that you would normally expect to charge," Bonenberg

said from his farm near Pembroke, Ont.

"Most producers are not about capitalizing on a shortage and shoving a lot of that on the consumer."

Ontario's maple syrup producers are producing anywhere from 20 per cent to 50 per cent or so of what they normally make, he said. Ontario produced about two million litres of maple syrup last year.

"Obviously if the crop is half, people are going to take in half the money," said Bonenberg, who didn't have a specific financial figure.

Along with Ontario, the provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are Canada's major producers and they all had an early start, and in some cases, an early end to

the season due the recent unseasonable temperatures.

Daytime temperatures above zero and nighttime temperatures just below zero, depending on the region, help make the sap flow.

Temperatures hit 20 C and above recently in Montreal and in other areas, well above normal, prompting the maple trees to start budding and signalling the end of the maple syrup season.

"The heat was intense and it was earlier than expected," said Simon Trepanier, assistant director of the Federation des producteurs acéricoles du Québec, which has 7,400 members.

"The maple-syrup season was two to three weeks earlier because of this," Trepanier said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Syrup season

- In New Brunswick, if the weather co-operates, production should reach last year's level, said Chris Bowie of Infor, a Fredericton-based non-profit organization which helps with forest management issues.

- In Quebec, which is Canada's biggest producer of maple syrup, production has mostly wrapped up early except for the eastern part of the province and quantities are down in southern areas.



Emile Picard samples some fresh maple syrup at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack in St-Benoit-de-Mirabel, Que. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Bureaucracy to bear brunt of cuts: Flaherty

## Federal budget.

Conservative sources say spending cutbacks likely to total \$7 billion in annual savings by the 2014-15 fiscal year

Sources and officials agree Jim Flaherty's seventh budget — and first with a parliamentary majority to back it — will be his long-

est and most far-reaching, laying the foundations for a business-friendly Canada with smaller government and curtailed social entitlements.

The finance minister said much of the burden of cuts will fall primarily on the public service — which will shed tens of thousands of jobs — insisting services to Canadians will be mostly left untouched.

The budget will also seek

## Cost-cutting

**"There are (service) consequences, but most of it is back-office stuff."**

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, on forthcoming cuts in the federal budget

to curtail long-term spending by slowing the growth of entitlements such as elderly benefits under Old Age Security, building on

December's decision to limit future health-care transfers to the growth in the economy.

Reports suggest Flaherty also intends to give notice to the public-service unions they must pay more for their indexed pension plans.

And the CBC will likely see its wings clipped, by anywhere from five to 10 per cent of the annual \$1-billion funding.

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty tries on a pair of new shoes Wednesday in Ottawa ahead of his budget delivery Thursday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Budget crunch

### MPs trim own spending by \$30M

The House of Commons announced its own belt-tightening plan on the eve of the federal budget.

The secretive board of internal economy, an all-party committee that oversees MP budgets and the operation of their offices, says spending will decrease by 6.9 per cent — or \$30.3 million — over the next

three years.

The cuts include a reduction in MP office budgets of under two per cent, slashing the budgets of opposition party leaders by 7.5 per cent, travel savings and the end of an office furniture fund.

The self-imposed austerity by members of Parliament doesn't quite match what are expected to be deep cuts in spending on government programs for the tax-paying public in Thursday's federal budget.

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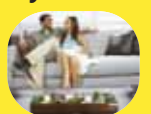
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I'm concerned about the federal budget, which is fortunate because the more concerned I am about something the easier it is to reach my word count.

As I write this, journalists are using all their skills (begging and whining) to get "government sources" to tell them budget details before today's official announcement. But I know how it will go:

1) Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will explain that the budget is a fiscally conservative plan (except for the prisons and jets part) and that it will create jobs (except for the jobs-cuts part), and that it shows that Canadians have a bright future (except that we're one step away from DOOM and only the Conservatives can protect us).

2) The opposition leaders will, using talking points they wrote three weeks ago, explain that Flaherty has the same moral standing as, say, Satan, and that the budget document is the worst thing they've read since Twilight.

3) The opposition will vote for it anyway.

I don't know about you, but this era of deep cuts is starting to get me down.

There's the world economic collapse, where countries like Greece decide they can't have nice things anymore and burn them.

There's provincial woes, where places like Ontario have budget speeches that read like eulogies.

And in Toronto, where I live, the only thing approaching economic good news is when sports fans win free pizza because the Raptors score 100 points. (Rumour has it the Leafs have a similar promotion, but it's been lost to the mists of time).

It's getting to the point where we should really give up on the tradition of finance ministers buying new shoes on budget day. Instead, he or she should pose for newspapers with a nice, shiny axe.

I'm trying to take a pragmatic, level-headed approach to the cuts, which is why I offer the following advice to Mr. Flaherty. Forgive me if this is trite, but I think the government should — this is important, write it down — wear a lot of jackets.

I'll explain. I, like Canada itself, am in debt up to my earmuffs. But I just made some money back, as I do every spring, because I pulled out a spring jacket and discovered a crisp \$5 bill. Pretty sweet.

Clearly, all MPs should carry the federal coffers in their jacket pockets. Then wait till next spring and reap the surprise windfall.

This works so well for me that I'm thinking about getting more jackets to increase my return. I'm pretty sure Ben Bernanke does this as well.

Frankly, Mr. Flaherty, I see this as our only hope. If you don't agree, I'll be deeply concerned. At least until I hit my word count.

Now.



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## What goes up ...

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### Off course

#### Teen pilot flies balloon into pylon

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, U.K.** Three people were saved by rescue crews after a hot-air balloon dramatically crashed into 132,000-volt power cables. Freakish winds sent teen pilot Adam Griffiths and his two companions toward overhead lines near the village of Bozeat, some 100 kilometres north-west of London. **MWN**

### Hanging on a wire

"There was a bang and a little bit of a fire in the basket, but it put itself out as I went to grab the extinguisher. We slid down the power line and came to a standstill."

**PILOT ADAM GRIFFITHS**  
WHO SUFFERED MINOR BURNS

### Hot-air boom

- **In numbers:** The trio were dangling from the overhead lines 13 metres above the ground for five hours, while emergency teams worked to switch off power lines.
- **How they passed the time:** The stranded balloonists played I Spy as they waited to be rescued. "But after we had 'g' for 'grass' and 'p' for 'pylon' we didn't have many more ideas," Griffiths said.



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**@erinneo:** ● ● ● ● ●  
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looks to schools for Alberta's consistently low voter turnout. #yeg #abed

**@rantingoraving:** ● ● ● ● ●  
Land of blue sky, sun and job opportunities - #yeg

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I may change my vote for the election because I've seen so many signs for the other guy. He must really want it. #yeg #sarcasmfontneeded



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## SCENE

## Scene in brief

**Robin Gibb undergoes surgery**

Bee Gees star Robin Gibb has undergone further surgery following a sustained illness, a publicist said Wednesday. Gibb is recovering in the hospital after intestinal surgery over the weekend and has been forced to cancel a number of commitments, publicist Doug Wright said. Gibb, 62, was hospitalized late last year for stomach and colon problems, but told the BBC last month he was making a good recovery. He did not disclose the nature of his illness, but said a growth on his colon had been removed.

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## On the Web



Canadian DJ Deadmau5, Madonna declare a truce on Twitter

# From finance to fashion, falling into the business

**Fashion.** Aleem Arif brings his Alberta style to Western Canada Fashion Week



JENNIFER LARAWAY  
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"A million girls would kill for this job."

It's a line made famous by *The Devil Wears Prada* and for Aleem Arif it represents an unchartered irony.

"I never knew I would be doing fashion," says the native New Yorker who started out on Wall Street.

"People are dying to get into this business, but for me it was something I fell into. I had a serious career in finance, but when I got a promotion, I thought is this really it? Do I want this? It's so predictable."

Arif decided to take a year off and travel in order to get some clarity.

He visited family in South Asia, where he discovered a love for fabric.

"I started playing around and making things," he says.

"For me, fashion is such a personal form of art. People



A page torn from the look-book of Alberta's newest designer Aleem Arif. BANO & EEMEE

## The show

## Basic information on Bano & eeMee

- **Need to know.** Collection items range from \$100 - \$400. Bano & eeMee is a blend of nicknames from Arif's childhood. Advance tickets available through Fringe box office.

wear what you create. It becomes a walking art."

His travels soon took him to Canada.

"I knew I wanted to be out West, but I wasn't sure where. Alberta was so welcoming. I ended up setting up shop, not knowing a single soul out here."

Soon he found himself subtly infusing Alberta's

uniquely Western style through his designs, whether it was leather accents or jackets.

But Arif just didn't have his sights set on Alberta.

"We have so much talent here in Canada, but unfortunately when you think of Canada you don't think of fashion. I want to change that. Western Canada Fashion Week is the perfect opportunity to show-

case what we do," says Arif.

He's speaking about the hand-picked designers set to show off their fall and winter collections during the March 29 - April 5 series of fashion shows.

Being part of the lucrative event means a lot to Arif who is showing his very first collection during WCFW.

"While passion is one

thing, buyers are another. To keep doing what I'm doing, I need to do a lot of work afterwards to get stores to buy the collection," he says.

Arif shows his Bano & eeMee collection on April 4 at the TransAlta Arts Barn (10330 84 Ave).

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# From fetching java to just plain fetching

## Alyssa Reid.

Singer talks about juggling a regular teen life with the life of a Juno performer

Between getting bruised on the rugby field, pouring java at Tim Hortons, finishing high school and touring Canada, Ontario-based singer-songwriter Alyssa Reid realized something had to give.

"I was kind of trying to have the teenage girl life and the teenage pop star life and they kind of don't mix very well, especially when you're joining sports teams and then going on tour two weeks later covered in bruises," the 19-year-old said.

"I went on a tour called the SodaPOP tour and I could not wear a dress the entire tour because I was covered head to toe in bruises. It was not a good scene and I do not play rugby anymore."

Nor does she work at Tim Hortons anymore, a job she held down for a year and a half while she toured with the likes of pop/dance artist Danny Fernandes and R&B/hip-hopper JRDN.

"I did everything there," said Reid, who lives in Brampton, Ont., and will tour the U.K. next month. "I worked the cash register, I was a trainer, I baked."

The high-school graduate can now focus on her soaring music career, which has seen her get a 2012 Juno nomination for new artist of the year. Other nominees include JRDN, Dan Mangan, Diamond Rings, and Lindi Ortega.

Reid will also perform her hit pop/hip-hop single, *Alone Again*, at the Ottawa bash on Sunday in what she calls a "live mash-up" between five pop acts.

The tune, a new interpretation of the 1987 Heart hit *Alone*, features P. Reign and is on Reid's upcoming album *The Game*, due out on June 21.

"I did not think when we released *Alone Again* that it was going to have the reaction it did," said Reid, who got a 2011 MuchMusic Video Award nomination for best pop video for the tune.

"So to get to be travelling the world and going to the Junos and performing at the Junos is a pretty overwhelming thing."

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## Quoted

"I was kind of trying to have the teenage girl life and the teenage pop star life and they kind of don't mix very well." Singer-songwriter Alyssa Reid

## Alyssa Reid

Performs at the Juno Awards this Sunday.

## Celebrity style. June Ambrose loves giving stars their sparkle

Stylist June Ambrose helped remake the image of Luther Vandross and Mariah Carey as they were preparing major comebacks, but there's one icon she didn't get to remake — Whitney Houston.

Working with Houston wasn't a pipe dream for Ambrose. With the singer readying a return to the spotlight with the upcom-

ing movie, *Sparkle*, and new music, it was a real possibility. But she died Feb. 11 on the eve of the Grammys at 48 of an accidental drowning, with heart disease and cocaine use as contributing factors.

"There were talks about it," Ambrose said. "I really wanted to do Whitney Houston's comeback. ... I just felt like Whitney and I ... would have been great together."

On her new VH1 show, *Styled by June*, the Antigua native helps struggling celebrities look their best, including actress and one-time fashionista Mischa Barton, female rappers Trina and Da Brat, and reality TV star and singer Aubrey O'Day. The show airs on Mondays (9:30 p.m. EDT).

## Who else would you like to style?

I like broken starlets. I love to fix things. ... I would love to get like a Courtney Love. Lindsay Lohan I'd be brilliant with.

## What's it like getting celebrities to trust you when taking them out of their comfort zone?

Celebrities naturally are quite defensive by nature. They have to protect themselves, they're constantly being photographed and judged, and social media controls so much of how they feel about themselves. You know, they're reading the blogs, the tabloids, and it starts to kind of eat away at their spirit and their confidence. ... I have to strip them down and build them back up, and the reason why I have to strip them down is I need them to see themselves, not the person they want to be, but the person that they are. Face that person, accept that person and then we deal with the alter ego.

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Alyssa Reid will perform her hit single *Alone Again* at the Juno awards this weekend. HANDOUT/JEREMY CHAN



June Ambrose says she loves fixing things. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Not a 'sweetie-darling-honey-baby book'

**Reading.** Frank Langella dishes about ex-lovers, villains and the famous in his memoir

**Quote**

**"I was religious about making certain that I often showed the worst of my nature."**

Frank Langella

The phone at Frank Langella's home rings and rings, unanswered. The very private three-time Tony Award winner apparently is not willing to answer questions about his debut book.

Oh, wait: It turns out he has inadvertently given out the number for his fax machine.

"We'll talk to Dr. Freud about that sometime," he jokes when the right number is called and he gets on the line.

It turns out that Langella, fresh off the Broadway revival of Terence Rattigan's *Man and Boy*, would very much like to talk about his literary debut, the memoir *Dropped Names: Famous Men and Women as I Knew Them*, which went on sale this week.

The book is a collection of 66 impressionistic sketches of movie stars, social celebrities, Broadway icons, politicians and writers, including John F. Kennedy, George C. Scott, Tip O'Neill, Bette Davis, Jill Clayburgh and Charlton Heston. All but one are dead.

There are stories of dating Elizabeth Taylor, streaking in front of Sir Laurence Olivier, playing *Scrabble* with Paul Mellon and being wooed by both Noel Coward and Roddy McDowall (neither attempt

succeeded, he writes). He and Marilyn Monroe shared just one word, but it changed his life.

Langella plumbs his long career, which has put him in arm's reach of many famous people. He's gone from a sexy Dracula, Cyrano and Sherlock Holmes to a mature Richard Nixon in *Frost/Nixon* onstage and on-screen, Sir Thomas More in *A Man for All Seasons* and Perry White in *Superman Returns*.

Not all the celebrities come off well, including Richard Burton ("Could anyone, I wondered, be so unaware of what a crashing bore he had become?"), Anthony Quinn ("a big bully") and Paul Newman ("emotionally vacant").

Langella also doesn't spare himself. He acknowledges being a terrible boor around Deborah Kerr and Dinah Shore, did something "unforgivable" to Jackie Kennedy and is wistful about being a lover to a faded Rita Hayworth, saying she was "the single most tragic example of how far from the real person an image can be." He calls *Cutthroat Island* one of his worst films, "the single most egregious example of excess I have ever witnessed in the movie world."

"I really felt very strongly

that I wasn't going to write a sweetie-darling-honey-baby book," he says. "Most celebrities' biographies I read I can't get through — they're either immensely self-raising or absolutely whitewashing."

Langella says he sought out permission from relatives and intimate friends of his subjects before publishing.

"I've chosen to write my

memories — as I recall them — as honestly as I could," he says. "None of it was meant to be coy or a tease."

One of the most touching chapters — and one of Langella's favourites — is about Cameron Mitchell, a one-time leading man who by the mid-1970s had turned into a "fat, jowly mess, covering his sad decline with an over-the-top wisecracking de-

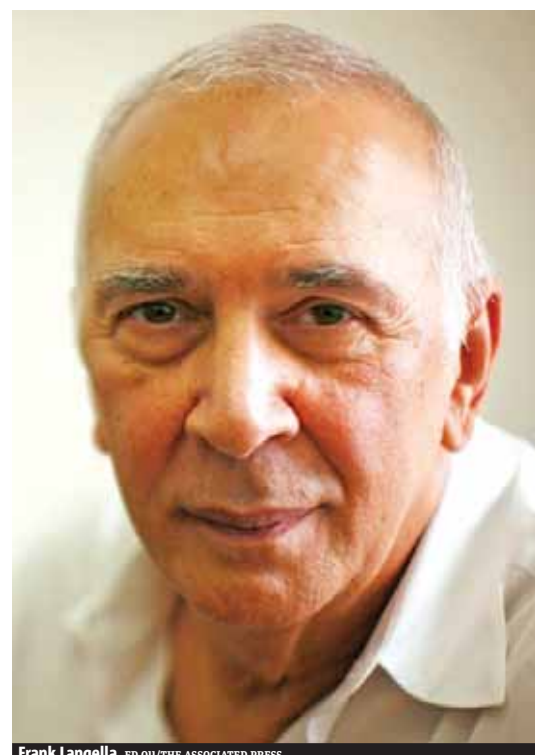
meanour."

In one story, Langella writes that fellow actors teased Mitchell by spinning him around in a too-small jacket.

"I've never forgotten the look in his eyes. I've never forgotten the sad, broken terror when everyone around him was just laughing their heads off, thinking how funny it was," Langella says.

"That's around the corner for everybody if we don't watch out. I suppose that chapter means a lot to me because of the ephemerality of life and also the ephemerality of my profession."

Langella says there are so many people who didn't make the cut in the book that he's already considering a second volume of *Dropped Names*. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Justin Bieber

## Bieber's phone prank lands him in hot water again

Justin Bieber's latest Twitter antics are causing him some legal trouble.

Bieber posted a random phone number — minus the final digit — and wrote: "Call me right now."

Two Texas residents reportedly received more than 1,000 phone calls and are now suing the Canadian pop

star for damages due to "reckless behaviour," according to Hollyscoop.

What kind of damages are we talking about? Millions? No.

They're reportedly after tickets to a Bieber concert, an apology and an endorsement of an on-line business run by one of the plaintiffs, among other things.

### Twitter



@ParisHilton

At the airport about to take off to Sydney! Haven't been to Australia in a long time, so I'm very excited for this trip! Love it there!



@jimmyfallon

I once was talked into getting a perm. (I was in college & it was free.)



@katperry

don't believe in the hype.



@SethMacFarlane

There's nothing more grungy-looking than a red-headed person in a '70s movie.

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### The Word



She's a smooth operator. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## What is going on with Bethenny Frankel's marriage?



THE WORD

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There are few reality TV stars who know how to game the system as well as Bethenny Frankel.

Her ambition is awe-inspiring: She's risen from a throwaway contestant on 2005's *The Apprentice*: Martha Stewart, to, despite not being married, one of the original five "housewives" on *The Real Housewives of New York City*.

From there, she wrote several New York Times bestselling books, starred in two spin-offs, *Bethenny Getting Married?* and *Bethenny Ever After*, and founded the company *Skinnygirl Cocktails*, which she sold last year for an alleged

\$120 million dollars.

But is she so driven that she's letting her marriage to husband Jason Hoppy suffer?

That's what *In Touch* is reporting. They say that Hoppy has moved out of their New York City apartment and is staying at a nearby hotel. They report that Hoppy is claiming he ditched the \$5 million Tribeca condo he shares with Frankel and their 23-month-old daughter, Bryn, because of renovations.

But a source thinks he also left because he's fed up with Bethenny's diva behaviour.

"The fighting has gotten worse," the source tells *In Touch*.

Apparently, Frankel has become overly obsessed with the launch of her L.A.-based talk show.

"Her energy has been nervous and neurotic," the source says. "He can't take it anymore, so he's been doing everything on his own."

Or, this drama could just be fabricated in order for fans to train their attention back on Frankel in time for her talk show, set to launch in September.

She's witchy that way.



Lindsay Lohan

## Lindsay Lohan facing another legal battle

With her probation set to end today, Lindsay Lohan is bracing for another legal battle heats up.

Thaer Kamal has reportedly handed over surveillance footage he claims shows the actress hitting him with her car and then driving away outside a Hollywood hookah lounge, according to Radar Online. And Kamal's lawyers may be interested in more than just a hit-and-run investigation, as reports recently surfaced that Kamal has a history of insurance fraud,

something he vehemently denies.

"Thaer feels that Lindsay's camp has bullied him by making up stories that he was being investigated for insurance fraud," a source says. "(His lawyers) will be investigating who made those false statements about Thaer being the focus of insurance fraud investigations and will take the appropriate legal action against those responsible for the false and defamatory comments if necessary."



Megan Fox

## Megan Fox rumoured to be pregnant

After answering a slew of parenting-related questions while promoting *Friends with Kids*, Megan Fox is reportedly expecting her first child with husband Brian Austin Green, according to *Star* magazine.

"They just found out,"

a source claims, "And are incredibly excited."

The happy couple won't be sharing the news just yet, though, the source warns. "It's still early, so they are only telling close friends and family members."



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# Trend of the week: white vs. floral brights

**Fashion fight.** Which trend will win in this spring style dust-up?

**KENYA HUNT**

Metro World News in London

Forget about the magazines for a second, and let's talk about the trends that women are actually wearing.

When it comes to updating your wardrobe for spring, there seems to be two schools of thought emerging on the street.

In the right corner: Team White. This is a look that is painfully easy to pull off (hurrah) and reliably chic.

A win-win, no? The trick is to wear it head-to-toe — like, ivory trousers and a matching blazer as a fashion forward update on the work suit or white shorts and a coordinating button-down as a light way to ease into spring.

Just don't eat any condiments with your lunch that



Head-to-toe white in London...  
MICHELLE BOBB-PARRIS



And in Paris. KARL-EDWIN GUERRE



Bright florals spotted on the street in Paris... GHIA TONICS



And in Milan. GHIA TONICS

day.

And in the left: Team Floral Brights — a look that was adopted by practically

every fashion editor during last month's ready-to-wear shows. You can take the whole-hog approach by

mixing them in different colour ways and layering them on generously or just dip one toe into the trend

pool by limiting the print to a single pair of jeans or a skirt—the bolder the colour, the better.

## Team White

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**LIFE**

## Fashion flash

## Emerging icon

The Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence is not only replacing Kristen Stewart as Hollywood's most popular teen heroine, but she's out dressing her too. And that Vogue cover will be coming in three, two...

## Attention needed

Katy Perry and Karl Lagerfeld's man, Baptiste Giabiconi, have been "sneaking" around for all the paparazzi to "catch." Yawn and snore. We think Baptiste did a better acting job in those Magnum commercials.

## Shoe lift

Espadrilles are a vacation staple, but colour-blocked flats demand to be seen on the city streets as well. It's all about yellow ankle straps, which lift the shoe miles above the \$10 ones you scored in Spain.

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## On the Web



Everyday glamour — a la 'Gatsby' — returns as favourite fashion look for spring.

## Fresh faced. Spring into the season with a treat for your visage

While you spruce up your wardrobe for spring, give your cosmetics accoutrements a refresh as well.

BY JANINE FALCON, THE KIT.CA

### Point Taken

You're only as precise as your tools. Sephora Pencil Sharpeners have a swing-out well

to keep shavings neatly out of your kit. \$6, sephora.com. Tweezerman Tweezers are pro favourites for getting at the tiniest strays. \$30, sephora.com/canada

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### It's a Wash

Making up should always be good clean fun. Occasionally

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**@Jeanne\_Beker:** How many prs of shoes does one really need to take on a beach vacation? Flip flops, sneakers, wedges, stilettos.. + how many of each? Arghh!

**@Joanna242**

Leave the sneakers behind and pack a couple of extra pairs of sexy sandals...

**@Jeanne\_Beker**

But what if I want to hit the tennis court? Or go for a sail???

**@jamillahross**

Barbados is very fashionable. I'd pack more shoes, not less.

**@Jeanne\_Beker**

Good advice!!!



**@Jeanne\_Beker:** Overlooking The Crane beach...out for a pre-dinner cocktail with @qualityslippers + @joeyoneil

**@Jeanne\_Beker:** Barbados: Heaven on earth! My terrace at The Crane. Savouring EVERY second. And I just got here!!!



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**@sarahleeswagger**

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# A leg up on the bolds and brights

**Bottoms up.** Ditch those dull blue jeans in exchange for some extra loud leg-wear

Your attention, please: One of the easiest ways to spruce up your wardrobe this spring is with a splash of colour. It doesn't have to go on your lips or over your shoulder — and not across your chest, either. This season, the place for bold colour is on the bottom.

Coloured denim and, by extension, every other kind of pants and trousers in hues as bright as the rainbow, are a key look in stores at every end of the shopping spectrum. Part of the pervasiveness is that it's pretty democratic: You find the shape and silhouette that you like best and find the shade that best complements your skin tone. Swap out blue or khaki and, voila, you're on trend.

Think of it as you would a fresh coat of paint.



Colour on colour? Yes please!

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"You can't deny what's going on with colour," says Daniel Guez, CEO and creative director of the upscale denim label Dylan George. "Everyone can participate in this."

Yes, bright yellow bottoms might seem a little intimidating at first, says Tana Ward, American Eagle's chief merchandising officer, but adds,

"We see coloured bottoms as easy to wear, believe it or not."

Reverse whatever outfit you would have worn before, she suggests: Instead of jeans and a bold pink or red top, put the colour on the bottom and pair it with a denim chambray shirt — maybe even a western style — or go for a little femininity with a white lace tank top peeking out the top of a crisp white or blue button-down. You're also likely to find an easy transition into crocheted or other loose-weave sweaters in natural, neutral colours, too, Ward says.

However, she adds, while there are many user-friendly ways to wear coloured pants, don't expect any of them to go unnoticed. Turning a few heads is the point, Ward says, and eventually you'll gain the confidence to put the bright top with the bright bottom. "Being bold is very modern ... and the most modern way to do this is colour on colour. Wear the unexpected — a red bottom, tangerine tank and cobalt blue cardigan." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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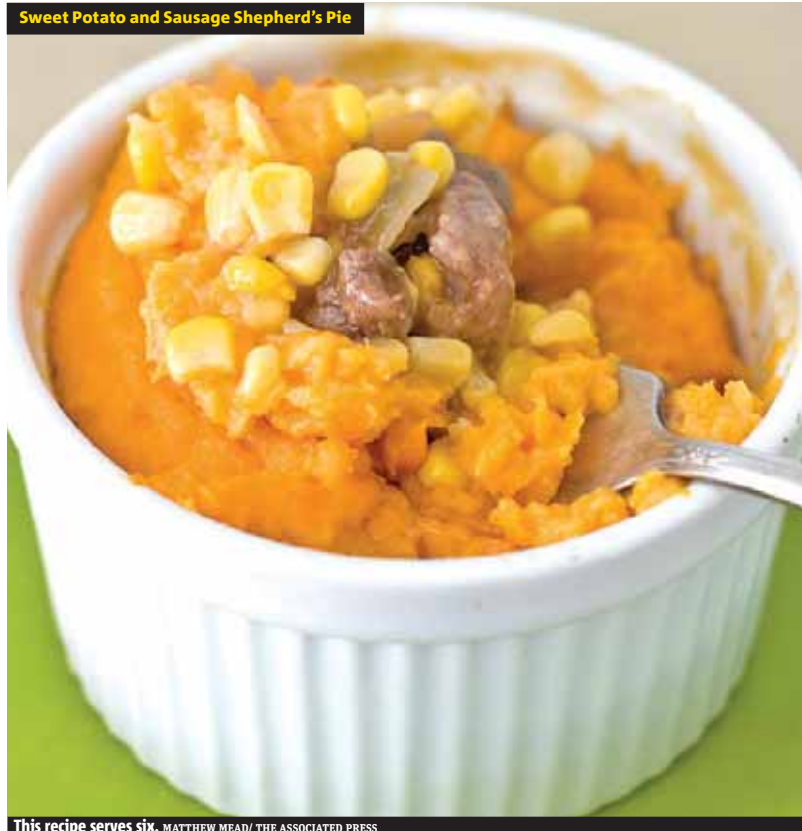
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# Shake up your favourite comfort foods with new ingredients

## Sweet Potato and Sausage Shepherd's Pie



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Sweet Potato and Sausage Shepherd's Pie.** This dish combines elements of the classic and some new tasty additions

Some people are adamant about keeping dishes like Shepherd's Pie traditional.

For those who are not, this version uses corn, a thick bed of mashed sweet potatoes, a sausage base and some lean ground beef for good measure. The result is savoury and

sweet in just the right balance.

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Lightly oil a standard loaf pan.

2. Place sweet potatoes in a large pot and add enough

water to cover by 2.5 cm (1 inch). Bring to a boil and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over high, combine olive oil, garlic and onion. Sauté for 5 minutes or until just tender.

3. Add sausage, beef and pepper. Sauté until meat is browned and cooked through, about 8 minutes. Add beer and simmer until reduced by half, 4 minutes.

4. In a small glass, mix cornstarch with cool water. Add cornstarch mixture to meat and stir until thickened. Remove from heat.

5. Spread meat and onion mixture evenly in loaf pan. In a small bowl, mix corn kernels and creamed corn, then spread in an even layer over meat. Set aside.

6. Once sweet potatoes cook, drain and return them to the pot. Add the milk, butter and brown sugar, then mash potatoes until

## Ingredients

- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 250 g (1/2 lb) loose Italian sausage meat
- 250 g (1/2 lb) lean ground beef
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) black pepper
- 175 ml (6 oz) stout or other dark beer (about half a bottle)
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) cornstarch
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cool water
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) corn kernels, drained
- 1 small can (about 245 ml/8 1/4 oz) creamed corn
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) brown sugar
- Salt, to taste

smooth. Season with salt.

7. Spoon the potatoes evenly over corn. Bake for 35 minutes or until the potatoes are lightly browned at the edges. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cookbook of the Week

### The One Dish Collection



There's nothing quite like classic comfort dishes. That's why food director Annabelle Waugh and the test kitchen staff at Canadian Living magazine have released The One Dish Collection (Transcontinental Books, \$26.95).

The book contains 183 recipes with 80 illustrations that came from staff members who remembered their favourite meals as youngsters growing up.

The recipes are split into the chapters: soups, stews, hearty salads, casseroles, skillet and simmers, and pastas and risottos. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# The right-size furniture matters

**Decor ideas.** A measuring tape is a mover's best friend



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**I am moving into a spacious walk-up apartment. I am concerned that the narrow hallways and stairwells might impede me from getting larger furniture pieces into my space. Any ideas or design tricks?**

**Tina Daenz, via email.**

As a former walk-up apartment renter myself, I know your anxiety around getting furniture up.

Here's a few things you should be cautious of when ordering furnishings, and a few moving solutions I learned.

## Bed

If a king-size bed is your choice then opt for the split-box spring. Each piece is the size of a single box spring, which makes it easy to move around in tight spaces. You can also choose two smaller mattresses (called twin plus), which is great for customizing your comfort level from one side to the other, and still enjoy the size of a king bed. Co-ordinate the split bed with one king-size headboard and bedskirt to give a finished king-size look to the bed.

## Couch

If a comfy sofa is just too large to be brought up a skinny staircase, consider a grouping of lightweight, small-scaled club chairs. You'll create a lounge feel with the chairs around a cocktail table or large round ottoman and you'll be seating as many people as if you had the traditional sofa and chair set. Plus, you'll have more flexibility for re-arranging the furniture during holidays and parties (see the Tess Chair, above).



Forgo a long sofa and consider individual club chairs in the living room. Tess Chair, \$1,380, Crate and Barrel. CRATE AND BARREL

Forget about a sleeper sofa altogether; not only are they heavy, they are usually much deeper in size than a regular sofa (the extra depth helps contain the mattress mechanism).

## Cabinets

Armoires and china cabinets too large? Find furnishings that disassemble or can be placed together once inside the de-

sired room. If choosing a china cabinet, make sure it comes in the form of a credenza and hutch; each piece will be easier to move up and down stairs.

You can also purchase three

or four smaller cabinets or bookshelves and line them up along a long wall for the look of one large piece of furniture (see the Stockholm Glass Cabinet, left).

## Like a 'ship in a bottle'

Here's a list of easily-moved items that can offer big impact and still move easily up the stairs:

- **Area rugs.** Look for colourful, large patterned rugs to fill a room with style.
- **Draperies.** Make small windows look larger by hanging draperies on the dead wall space beside windows.
- **Artwork.** A big mirror or a piece of art helps create a focal point in a room and offers something large-scale without taking up precious floor space.
- **Paint.** If you've got a naturally dark room in your place paint it a dark colour for unexpected drama.
- **Lighting.** Whether you are renting or own your home, new lighting is a great way to make a place feel sexy at night. A single spotlight on a piece of art or a dramatically painted wall washed with light will help create a special mood in your new place.



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# Make your own fabric coaster

**DIY ideas.** Using a simple paper template, you can create a handmade cup rest

As a child, artisan Andrea Sadgrove made tiny quilts from felt scraps for her toys. Her love of sewing developed into Liligo — a business making children's clothes from recycled and organic cottons.

For this week's DIY, Sadgrove shows Metro readers how to do the English paper-piercing method. She enjoys the portability of this quilting technique as it is

done completely by hand.

**Step 1:** Cut out seven one-inch hexagon templates from paper (you can buy pre-made templates, or find some on the Internet). Using a ruler and pencil/chalk, cut seven fabric squares, each measuring 2.5 inches (you can make a template from cardboard, or buy these read-made from a quilting supply store or online).

**Step 2:** Pin a paper hexagon to the centre of each fabric square. Fold down the fabric as shown and baste around the entire hexagon, taking care to stitch through the fabric only, not the paper.

**Step 3:** Repeat with the remaining six hexagons and fabric.

Stitch the hexagons together using a whipstitch or ladder stitch, again taking care to just sew through the fabric layers, not the paper.

**Step 4:** Press well. This is your coaster top. Using the coaster top as a guide, draw around it onto a piece of felt (this will become your backing).

Remove the papers from inside the hexagons; you can reuse these for more coasters. Sew the backing to the quilt top, wrong sides together, using a coordinating thread so that stitches do not show.



The finished product — now reward yourself with a cuppa. COURTESY ANDREA SADGROVE

## What you'll need:

- **Sewing stuff.** Scissors, pins, needle, thread
- **Assorted fabric scraps.** Each piece should be large enough to cut out a 2.5-inch square (seven squares in total)
- **Drawing tools.** Ruler and pencil/dressmaker's chalk
- **Felt.** It should be around a six-inch square for the back of the coaster. "I recommend 100 per cent wool felt as it doesn't shrink when washed, has a good feel to it and is environmentally friendly. You can use eco-felt if you wish, as it also doesn't shrink, but it's generally not as thick and is more shiny, so more slippery," says Sadgrove.



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## Charles the butler. Sometimes a lot of hot air can be a great thing



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Dear Charles the butler, I believe I saw you on television one day speaking about dry cleaning vs. steaming and how steam cleaning is better for a suit, pants, etc...

unless they have a stain in which case they should go to the dry cleaners.

I want to buy a steamer (as both myself and my husband wear suits to work every day). I have been doing some research but am not sure which machine I should get. Do you recommend one over another?  
Thank you,

**Shawn Hamilton**

Dear Shawn,

Yes, I do very much advocate steaming natural fibre clothing on a regular basis. It takes out the wrinkles, relaxes the fibres and removes odours as the steam kills bacteria. Steaming a suit regularly is a good thing!

I can honestly say that I love the steamer from Jiffy 2000

Company. I use this machine both in the butler school and in my home. You can buy one at Amazon.ca or at Jiffysteamer.com, or buy it directly from the company in Toronto called Wm. Prager Ltd. on Adelaide Street West. They ship all across Canada.

Finally, once you have your Jiffy Steamer you will need to know how to use it, and, luckily,

the company has some great videos on their website.

My advice is to buy a commercial brand steamer (such as the one I mentioned above) because, from my experience, they work better and last longer.

Happy steaming!

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# Hard-to-kill house plants

Some people have a toxic touch when it comes to caring for house plants — meaning they forget or don't have time to water them. London-based horticulturalist Carlos Magdalena gives us five low-maintenance species that'll survive almost complete neglect.

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## For the living room: Moth Orchid (Phalaenopsis orchid)

"This produces a beautiful cascade of flowers in different colour varieties and is best placed in shady places. They do tend to die if over-watered, so it's perfect for forgetful types."



## For the bathroom: Bromeliad (Bromeliaceae)

"Its leaves can be watered via the shower. The flowers in the centre of the plant come in very bright reds and oranges. Although the flowers do not last long, the spike that appears in the middle is an eye-pleaser."



## For the hallway: Monstera 'The Swiss cheese plant'

"This tropical-looking plant can survive in a low humidity and low light environment," Magdalena says. "It's known as the 'Swiss cheese' plant because of the holes in its leaves. It's a large plant, so it will need a relatively generous space."



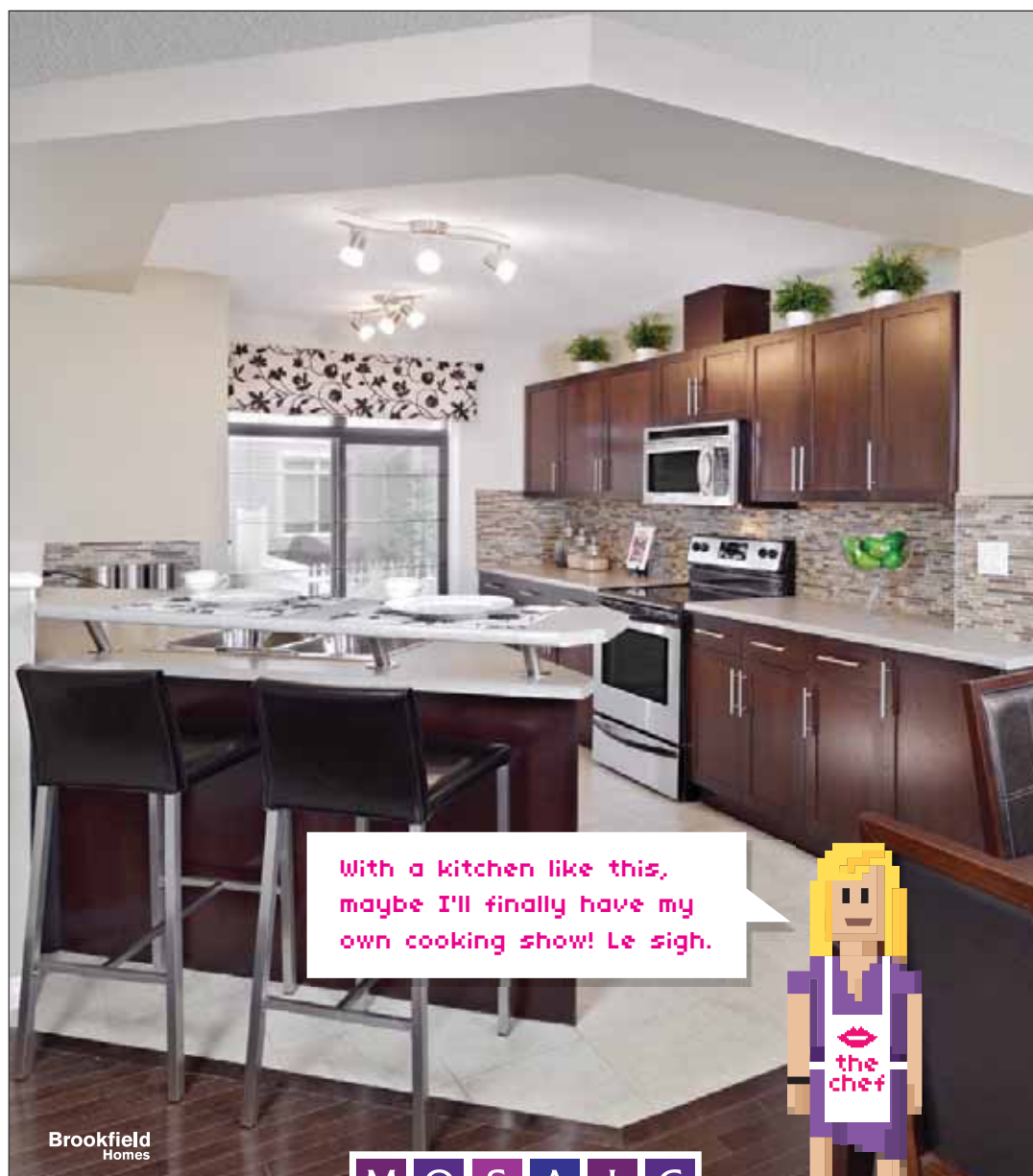
## For the kitchen: Madagascar jasmine (Stephanotis floribunda)

"Stephanotis has thick leaves and requires some water. The one thing to remember with this plant is to keep it away from radiators."



## For the bedroom: South African violet (Saintpaulia)

"This one would be ideal for the bedroom because it is compact and could fit on a bedside table. It'll survive in low light and it likes to be neglected. You can leave it for over a week without water."



With a kitchen like this, maybe I'll finally have my own cooking show! Le sigh.



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## SPORTS

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"We knew what his character was and what kind of guy he was going to be in the clubhouse. So that obviously came out the way it was expected. Omar just had a very good camp and he deserved to be on the team."

Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos on Omar Vizquel, who has played his way into another season in the majors. Boosted by an excellent showing in spring training, the backup infielder was added to the Blue Jays' roster Wednesday a month before his 45th birthday, making him the oldest active position player in the big leagues.

### Final Four

*Never too old to fight for their team*

Authorities say the Kentucky-Louisville basketball rivalry boiled over at a Kentucky dialysis clinic when one patient punched another during an argument about the teams. Georgetown police Lt. Robert Swanigan says the altercation began Monday with a verbal exchange between the 68-year-old Kentucky fan and 71-year-old Louisville fan. The men were arguing over who will win when the teams meet in the Final Four on Saturday.

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### On the web



LeBron James has a dislocated finger but, despite doctors' wishes, will take the floor for the Heat as the Dallas Mavericks return to Miami for the first time since winning the NBA championship last June at American Airlines Arena. Scan the code for the story.

# Ryder's 3-point night leads Dallas Stars over Oilers

**Hot streak over.** Edmonton had been 5-0-2 in its previous seven games

### Wednesday's game

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Oilers

Michael Ryder scored a pair of goals and added an assist as the Dallas Stars beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 on Wednesday.

Mike Ribeiro also scored and had two assists for the Stars (42-30-5), who leapt past San Jose into the Pacific Division lead, awaiting the results of the Sharks match against the Anaheim Ducks. Ales Hemsky responded for the Oilers (31-37-9).

Edmonton came close to starting off the scoring eight minutes in on a short-handed two-on-one, but Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen came across to make a huge kick pad save on Nick Schultz.

Dallas went up 1-0 12 minutes into the opening period as Ryder sped around Jeff Petry and then chipped the puck over the stick of a diving Devan Dubnyk in net for his 34th of the season.

The Stars took a two-goal

lead five minutes into the second period as Ribeiro took the return pass from Loui Eriksson on a two-on-one opportunity and banked the puck off of Dubnyk and into the Edmonton net.

Dallas came looking for more late in the third as Ryder went in on a breakaway, but Dubnyk made a stick save to keep it 2-0 after 40 minutes.

Lehtonen kept the Oilers off the board early in the third, doing the splits to stop Jordan Eberle on a short-handed break.

The Stars made it 3-0 four minutes into the third when a beautiful display of tic-tac-toe passing was converted at the side of the net by Ryder, his second of the game.

Edmonton broke Lehtonen's bid at a fifth shutout this season with just under nine



Edmonton Oiler Nick Schultz releases a shot at Dallas Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen during the first period in Edmonton on Wednesday. JOHN ULAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

minutes remaining in the third period. Corey Potter's shot went wide but came off the boards to Hemsky at the

other side of the net with a wide-open goal to shoot into.

Both teams return to the ice on Friday as the Stars play

the third of a four-game road trip in Vancouver while the Oilers play host to the L.A. Kings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ichiro still big in Japan as MLB opens season



Mariners right-fielder Ichiro Suzuki, right, celebrates with teammates in Tokyo on Wednesday. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

Ichiro Suzuki gave his fans in Japan a performance to cheer about.

Suzuki had four hits in his return home, Dustin Ackley homered and singled in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Oakland Athletics 3-1 Wednesday night in baseball's season opener in Tokyo.

"It was very special to open in Japan," said Suzuki, who spent nine seasons in Osaka

with the Orix Blue Wave. "I wanted to have fun and give the fans something at this special time and wanted to share a special moment with them."

The capacity crowd of 44,227 at Tokyo Dome gave Suzuki a standing ovation when he took his position in right field in the final inning.

MLB and the players' association are using the series to assist rebuilding in Japan following last year's earthquake

and tsunami.

Felix Hernandez combined with two relievers on a six-hitter as MLB opened its season in Tokyo for the fourth time.

Seattle and Oakland complete their two-game series Thursday. The rest of the big-league teams start to get going April 4, when the renamed Miami Marlins open their new ballpark against the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NBA

**Raptors' Bargnani joins 6,000-point club**

Andrea Bargnani reached a milestone by scoring 26 points in the Toronto Raptors' 105-96 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday. Bargnani came in 13 points shy of 6,000 career points, and reached the milestone with a free throw late in the second quarter.

He is the fourth player score 6,000 as a Raptor, joining Vince Carter, Chris Bosh and Morris Peterson. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Stan Van Gundy. DEERING/GETTY IMAGES

## NBA. NCAA's best no match for Wiz: Van Gundy

Stan Van Gundy said Wednesday the notion that Kentucky could beat an NBA team is "absurd."

The Orlando Magic coach was asked about comments by former Maryland coach Gary Williams, who told a Washington radio station that he thought the Wildcats could beat the NBA's Wizards in one game at Rupp Arena.

The Wildcats, the favourites to win the NCAA title next week, have multiple players who are expected to be NBA lottery picks. That's not enough for Van Gundy.

"Look, it's absurd," he said

before the Magic faced the New York Knicks. "I mean, people will say, 'Oh, Kentucky, you know's got four NBA players.' Yeah, well the other team's got 13."

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## MLB. Dodger fans hopeful with Magic on their side

Magic Johnson is about to learn \$2 billion US only buys you so much. Now he'll need to bring the Los Angeles Dodgers the same success he brought the Lakers.

News Johnson and his partners agreed to purchase the team sparked a groundswell of excited chatter and optimism around Los Angeles Wednesday, renewing hope the man who ran "Showtime" could restore lustre to the once-proud franchise.

The amount Johnson and his partners are paying would be mind-blowing if it was just for the team itself.

### Quoted

"As Magic used to say, the Dodgers were the team that used to run L.A. Definitely we're going to have more fans out there this year."

Matt Kemp, Dodgers centre-fielder

But it also gives Johnson's group the right to reel in future riches from TV and real estate associated with the Dodgers.

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d-Florida	76	37	24	5	10	189	208	89	20-9-1-9	17-15-4-1	6-1-0-3	W1
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Chicago	77	42	26	4	5	231	222	93	26-8-1-4	16-18-3-1	6-2-0-2	L2
San Jose	76	39	27	5	5	210	196	88	24-12-2-1	15-15-3-4	6-3-1-0	W3
Los Angeles	77	38	27	5	7	178	165	88	21-14-0-4	17-13-5-3	7-3-0-0	W1
Phoenix	77	37	27	3	10	200	202	87	19-13-2-4	18-14-1-6	4-2-0-4	L2
Colorado	78	40	32	4	2	201	207	86	22-15-1-1	18-17-3-1	5-3-1-1	L3
Calgary	78	35	28	6	9	191	215	85	21-11-1-5	14-17-5-4	4-2-2-2	L1
Anaheim	76	32	33	5	6	191	212	75	20-17-2-0	12-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L1
Minnesota	76	31	35	2	8	161	210	72	17-16-1-3	14-19-1-5	3-7-0-0	L3
Edmonton	77	31	37	3	6	207	226	71	18-12-2-3	13-21-1-3	5-2-1-2	L1
Columbus	77	25	45	2	5	181	252	57	15-21-1-2	10-24-1-3	3-7-0-0	W1

x — clinched playoff berth; d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

N.Y. Rangers 4 Winnipeg 2  
Los Angeles 3 Calgary 0  
Dallas 3 Edmonton 1  
Columbus 4 Detroit 2  
Colorado at Vancouver  
San Jose at Anaheim  
**Tuesday's results**  
Carolina 3 Toronto 0  
Florida 3 Montreal 2 (SO)  
Boston 5 Tampa Bay 2  
Buffalo 5 Washington 1  
New Jersey 2 Chicago 1 (SO)  
N.Y. Islanders 5 Pittsburgh 3  
N.Y. Rangers 3 Minnesota 2  
St. Louis 3 Nashville 0  
**Tonight's games**  
**All Times Eastern**  
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
**Tomorrow's games**  
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
**Saturday's games**  
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.  
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

RANGERS 4, JETS 2

First Period

No Scoring.

**Penalties** — Bickel N.Y.R. (holding) 10:24, McDonagh N.Y.R. (tripping) 10:41, Stralman N.Y.R. (delay of game) 14:20.

Second Period

1. Winnipeg, Machacek 2 (Maxwell, Stuart) 3:58  
2. Winnipeg, Little 23 (Wheeler, Ladd) 4:54  
3. N.Y. Rangers, Del Zotto 8 (Callahan) 7:44 (sh)  
4. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 28 (Gaborik, Del Zotto) 18:23 (pp)

**Penalties** — Boyle N.Y.R. (boarding) 0:27, Dubinsky N.Y.R. (slashing) 6:35, Kane Wpg (slashing) 8:19, Burmistrov Wpg (holding) 18:00, Ladd Wpg (double high-sticking) 18:53.

Third Period

5. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 9 (Fedotenko, McDonagh) 3:07  
6. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 17 (Gaborik, Richards) 10:06 (pp)

**Penalties** — Bickel N.Y.R., Glass Wpg (fighting) 5:56, Burmistrov Wpg (holding) 8:46.

Shots

N.Y. Rangers 4 15 9 28  
Winnipeg 2 11 8 5 24  
**Goal** — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W.37-16-5); Winnipeg: Pavelec (L.28-28-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 2-5; Winnipeg: 0-5.  
**Referees** — Gord Owijer, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Ryan Galloway, Brad Kovachik.  
**Attendance** — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

KINGS 3, FLAMES 0

First Period

1. Los Angeles, Mitchell 5 (Kopitar, Vovnov) 5:30  
**Penalties** — Stoll LA (cross-checking) 6:03, Hannan Cal (interference) 12:23, Richards LA (goaltender interference) 17:43.

Second Period

2. Los Angeles, Brown 20 (Kopitar, Doughty) 4:22  
**Penalties** — King LA (tripping) 6:12, Wilson Cal (interference) 12:31, Giordano Cal (holding) 16:34, Greene LA (slashing) 19:09.

Third Period

3. Los Angeles, Williams 19, 18:51 (en)  
**Penalties** — Martinez LA (slashing), Jackman Cal (high-sticking) 6:31, Jackman Cal (tripping) 19:12.

Shots

Los Angeles 14 7 9 30  
Calgary 9 6 4 19

**Goal** — Los Angeles: Quick (W.33-21-11); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L.34-21-11). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-4; Calgary: 0-4.  
**Referees** — Dan O'Rourke, Kevin Pollock.

**Linesmen** — Pierre Champoux, Mark Wheler.  
**Attendance** — 19,289 (19,289).

STARS 3, OILERS 1

First Period

1. Dallas, Ryder 34 (Ribeiro, Robidas) 11:53  
**Penalties** — Sutton Edm (slashing) 6:37, Horcoff Edm (boarding) 13:11.

Second Period

2. Dallas, Ribeiro 18 (Eriksson, Ryder) 5:05  
**Penalties** — Ryder Dal (tripping) 8:25, Eriksson Dal (hooking) 14:49, Horcoff Edm (hooking) 19:52.

Third Period

3. Dallas, Ryder 35 (Ribeiro, Eriksson) 4:11  
4. Edmonton, Hensky 10 (Smyth, Potter) 8:21  
**Penalties** — Goligoski Dal (hooking) 4:51, Whitney Edm (tripping) 12:50, Garbutt Dal (hooking) 15:00, Jones Edm (holding) 16:25.

Shots on goal by

Dallas 13 6 6 25  
Edmonton 12 9 11 32

**Goal** — Dallas: Lehtonen (W.32-18-4); Edmonton: Dubnyk (L.19-18-2).

**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 0-5; Edmonton: 0-4.

**Referees** — Chris Lee, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Thor Nelson, Bryan Panchich.  
**Attendance** — 16,839 (16,839).

BASKETBALL

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT

FINAL FOUR

At New Orleans

All Times Eastern

SEMIFINALS

Saturday's games

Kentucky (36-2) vs. Louisville (30-9), 6:09 p.m.  
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Kansas (31-6), 8:49 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday, April 2

Kentucky-Louisville winner vs. Ohio State-Kansas winner, 9 p.m.

LACROSSE

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WEEK 13

All Times Eastern

Tomorrow's game

Calgary at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Colorado at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.  
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	41	11	.788	—
d-Miami	35	13	.729	4
Orlando	32	19	.627	8½
d-Philadelphia	28	22	.560	12
Indiana	29	20	.592	10½
Atlanta	30	22	.577	11
Boston	28	22	.560	12
New York	26	25	.510	14½
Milwaukee	23	27	.460	17
Detroit	18	32	.360	22
Cleveland	17	31	.354	22
Toronto	17	34	.333	23½
New Jersey	17	35	.327	24
Washington	11	38	.224	28½
Charlotte	7	41	.146	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	38	12	.760	—
d-San Antonio	35	14	.714	2½
d-L.A. Lakers	31	19	.620	7
L.A. Clippers	28	21	.571	9½
Dallas	29	22	.569	9½
Memphis	27	21	.563	10
Utah	27	24	.529	11½
Houston	27	24	.529	11½
Denver	27	24	.529	11½
Phoenix	25	25	.500	13
Minnesota	25	27	.481	14
Portland	23	27	.460	15
Golden State	20	28	.417	17
Sacramento	17	33	.340	21
New Orleans	12	37	.245	25½

d-division leader x-clinched playoff spot  
**Last night's results**

Detroit 87 Cleveland 75  
Minnesota 88 Charlotte 83  
Toronto 105 Denver 96  
New York 108 Orlando 86  
Chicago 98 Atlanta 77  
Boston 94 Utah 82  
New Jersey 100 Indiana 84  
San Antonio 117 Sacramento 112  
New Orleans at Golden State  
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers  
**Tuesday's results**  
Philadelphia 103 Cleveland 85  
Memphis 93 Minnesota 86  
Milwaukee 108 Atlanta 101  
Dallas 90 Houston 81  
Oklahoma City 109 Portland 95  
San Antonio 107 Phoenix 100  
L.A. Lakers 104 Golden State 101

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.  
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 26 — Regular season ends  
April 27 — Rosters set for playoffs, 3 p.m. EDT

April 28 — Playoffs begin.  
April 29 — Draft early entry eligibility deadline, 11:59 p.m. ET

May 30 — Draft lottery

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	21	4	.840
Oakland	14	5	.737
Detroit	15	6	.714
Los Angeles	15	10	.600
Seattle	12	8	.600
New York	13	10	.565
Kansas City	14	11	.560
Minnesota	15	12	.556
Boston	12	10	.545
Baltimore	10	11	.476
Chicago	11	15	.423
Texas	8	16	.333
Tampa Bay	7	15	.318
Cleveland	6	17	.261

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	14	7	.667
San Diego	17	12	.586
San Francisco	15	11	.577
Colorado	14	11	.560
Los Angeles	12	10	.545
Houston	13	12	.520
Chicago	14	14	.500
Milwaukee	11	13	.458
Miami	9	11	.450
Philadelphia	11	14	.440
Cincinnati	11	16	.407
Arizona	10	15	.400
Atlanta	9	14	.391
Washington	8	14	.364
Pittsburgh	8	15	.348
New York	6	16	.273

**NOTE:** Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Yesterday's results

Toronto 9 Baltimore 3  
St. Louis 9 Detroit 5  
Minnesota 11 Philadelphia 7  
Atlanta 5 N.Y. Yankees 5 (10 innings)  
Houston 6 Miami 3  
Washington 3 N.Y. Mets 2  
Chicago Cubs 2 Cleveland 0  
Cincinnati 5 L.A. Angels 4  
Milwaukee 7 Arizona 1  
San Francisco 4 L.A. Dodgers 1  
San Diego 13 Chicago White Sox (ss) 2  
Colorado 8 Chicago White Sox (ss) 5  
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay  
Texas vs. Kansas City

Today's games

All Times Eastern

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Atlanta vs. Washington (ss) at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:35 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.  
Colorado vs. Cleveland (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.

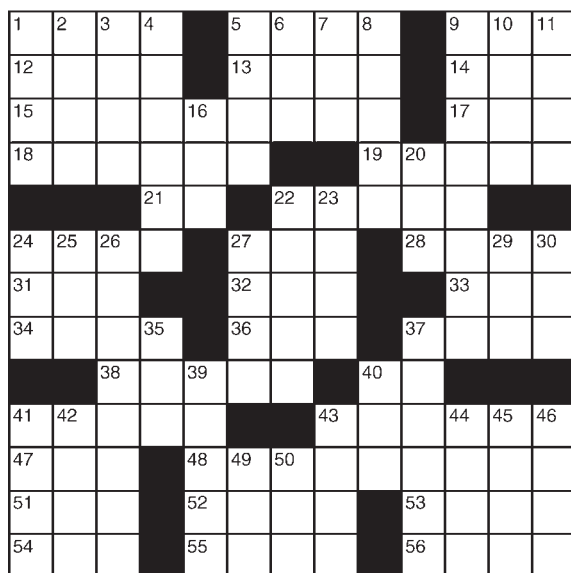
Cleveland (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

Washington (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla.,

## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Big bash  
5 Virtue's opposite  
9 Flop  
12 Japanese sashes  
13 Exotic berry  
14 Compass dir.  
15 With-drawing from office  
17 "Cool" amount of cash  
18 Ranking  
19 Part of Hispaniola  
21 Morning hour on a sundial  
22 "Psycho" setting  
24 Hospital furnishings  
27 Space  
28 Organization  
31 Anger  
32 Sailor's assent  
33 "I" strain?  
34 Tournament component  
36 Leno's network  
37 Wan  
38 Reflec-tion  
40 Pacino or Yankovic  
41 Tangy cuisine  
43 Ape  
47 Yoko of music  
48 "Ghost" co-star  
51 To the — degree  
52 Author Hunter  
53 Pronto, in the ER  
54 Family  
55 Look for  
56 Highland hats
- Down**  
1 Pantheon figures  
2 Help in a crime  
3 Peru's capital  
4 Unchanged

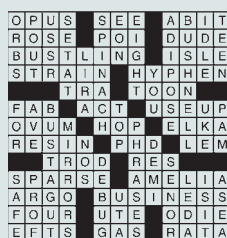


- 5 Cisterns  
6 Here (Fr.)  
7 Has the skill set  
8 Square dance group  
9 Cecil B. and Agnes  
10 One  
11 Sandwich shop  
16 Formal wear  
20 NRC predecessor  
22 Perhaps  
23 Oil cartel  
24 Humongous  
25 Geological time  
26 Wicker-covered bottle  
27 Group of hoods  
29 "Yecch!"  
30 Lad

- 35 Big Aussie bird  
37 Not quite  
39 South American range  
40 Intention  
41 Hit on the head  
42 Oppositionist  
43 Kitchen fixture  
44 Greek vowel  
45 Composer Khachaturian  
46 Profits  
49 Previous night  
50 West of Holly wood

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

## Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's answer



## Send a kiss

- **a who.** I always thought love was about who can make you smile, who can make you laugh when you don't want to laugh, who can make you cry and who can make you do things for them you may not want to do at the moment. guessing i was wrong? jenny
- **Campbell Soup.** You must be used to me crying, you know my heart cant take no more i wont keep running back to you. thinking about my strength to finally get up and leave seems like i finally got my head on straight. cant wait to wake up everyday without you on my brain.. oh well proud to say i will never make that same mistake!! No Name Soup
- **Fall-apart-ers.** Here's to all the fall-a-parters, jesus loves you! Blessings for everyone! Never too late?
- **All lies.** Why didnt i listen to my heart when he had me guessing from the start, more and more i wonder why do i still want her after all the love i gave her but it wasnt mutual soo whatever then. And everytime the phone rings i wish it was your call, but that wont happen. From gullible

## Weather

## TODAY



MAX: 12°  
MIN: 2°

## FRIDAY



MAX: 8°  
MIN: 1°

## SATURDAY



MAX: 6°  
MIN: -2°

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## Horoscope

## ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Someone you meet will tell you something that may not mean much to you now, but it could be used to your benefit later on.

## ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will talk your way out of trouble today but how did you get into this position in the first place?

## ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You need to convince someone that you know what you are talking about and that you are serious about your aims.

## ♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You will have to do something you don't want to do, simply because someone else has the power to make you. Do it with a smile.

## ♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

With the Sun, your ruler, at odds with Pluto today, chances are you will have to do a lot of explaining.

## ♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

People who have an inflated sense of their own importance are often easy to influence and you can use that fact to your advantage today.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. It appears that someone has a grudge against you and you don't have the faintest idea why. The only way to find out is to ask.

## ♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Someone in authority will give you a hard time today and you may be tempted to hit back at him or her in some way. Don't!

## ♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Someone is jealous of the attention you have been getting and would like nothing better than to see you take a fall.

## ♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You don't have to exert yourself to any great extent today. You just have to persuade others to do things for you. Easy.

## ♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Don't give someone the impression that you agree with what they say when, secretly, you disagree.

## ♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

The whole idea of life is to try new things and that, inevitably, means making mistakes. Go out and make some more. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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Tony

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